

October 2021 Newsletter

"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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Questions for Pastor...

Is slavery in the Bible different than what we think of it?

This question came up during Sunday morning Bible Study.

Here are some relevant notes from an article "Slavery in the Bible" as recorded in the Lutheran Study Bible:

The Scriptures do not endorse or promote the practice of people holding other human beings as personal property. The Bible typically treats slavery in a negative light. "Freedom" through God's saving grace is a dominant theme in both testaments.

For example, when the Israelites were enslaved by the Egyptians God said this to Moses: "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, and I have come to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land flowing with milk and honey." (Exodus 3)

Following the exodus, the Law of Moses permitted the holding of even Israelite slaves, but only for a period of six years - slaves were to be released the beginning of every seventh year (Exodus 21:2) Bondage for life was only to be on a voluntary basis (Exodus 21:5-6).

In the New Testament, the Greek word for "slave" has a much broader meaning than what might be familiar to many today. In the Roman world, slaves could serve in a variety of positions (from chain gang to cook, from hairdresser to obstetrician). Roman slaves quite often held positions of great power and responsibility.

Slavery in the Roman world was not associated with the oppression of any particular race. Slaves were most often prisoners of war taken from foreign lands, or non-Roman individuals sold by their families to repay a debt.

While in service to their master, slaves could earn wages, buy and sell



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property, enter into contracts and own slaves themselves. Frequently Roman free persons sold themselves into slavery in order to pay debts, while non-Roman persons sold themselves in order to eventually gain Roman citizenship.

In His first letter to Timothy, Paul condemns those involved in 'kidnapping' persons to be sold into slavery, listing "enslavers" among those especially deserving of the Law's condemnation. (1 Timothy 1:10)

A short answer to the above question would be "Yes and No." Yes, slavery in Bible times - especially New Testament times - often looked different than what we tend to think of slavery in the United States in the 1700's and 1800's. And, no, even if people in Bible times had slaves for different reasons than in America, the temptations for those having slaves would be the same (because human nature is the same across the ages). Those in positions of authority over others are often tempted to abuse that authority or the people under them, and God is never okay with mistreatment or abuse of authority.

Thanks for asking!
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Who Can You Invite?..

Who Can You Invite to the Mexican Dinner?

- Talk to God about them.
- Then talk to them about joining you.
(Be sure to tell them you'll pick them up and buy their meal)

A New Way to "Participate" in Worship

If you can't be here in person:

We have begun livestreaming the entire Sunday worship service on the Living Word Facebook group page. NOTE: You need to join the Living Word Facebook group in order to watch.

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

NEW:

We now have a YouTube channel with Sunday services being livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG9eUPvVIEU22yCYxbhwig>

Sunday School News...

Lessons for October:

- Oct. 3 - "Rich Young Man" Mark 10:17-31
- Oct. 10 - Begins "Shoebox" lessons
- Oct. 10 - "Why We Give" John 3:16 and Luke 7:36-50
- Oct. 17 - "Who We Help" Matt. 25:31-40 and Hebrews 13:2
- Oct. 24 - "What's In It For Me" John 13:1-17, Matt. 20:25-28 & Philippians 2:5-11
- Oct. 31 - "Outside The Box" John 4:4-26;31-38

October 10th - 3rd Graders receive Bibles

Thursday, October 7th:

Focus on the Family "Bring Your Bible To School" day! Celebrate your faith by joining the movement to bring your Bible to school on October 7th, 2021 and join 500,000+ students from around the nation in this declaration of faith!



October 10th - Kickoff

"Operation Christmas Child"



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the First and Third Sundays in October (October 3rd & 16th) and on **Reformation Sunday**, October 31st



COMMUNING AT THE ALTAR HAS RESUMED:

We have resumed coming to the altar for communion! Those who are not comfortable coming to the altar should inform an Elder or Usher, and communion will be brought to you in your pew.

Reminder: Gluten-free bread wafers are available for those who have gluten-sensitive conditions. You will find these wafers in a separate cup in the communion tray.

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Thot for a day: I have a lot of opinions for someone who is never completely sure of today's date.

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Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study:

Sunday mornings @ 9:00

We are taking a look at the Hymnal of God's People

(We know it as The Psalms)

Please join us for coffee and God's Word!



Sunday Morning Youth Study

Sundays @ 9:00

"Feed the Dog" study.

Bring friends!

Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Wednesday, October 13th @ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study & video

All are welcome to attend

Men's Study

Tuesdays @ 6:30

1 Peter: "How to Live as a Christian in a world that persecutes Christians"

(Come at 6:00 for Brats, etc...)

Who can you invite to join you?



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.

In August we Thanked God for ... Sunday School

Keith Hanson

God's Amazing Fall Colors

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

Mark Your Calendars...

Mission & Ministry Team...

Meets: Thursday, October 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

Elders' Team @ 5:30 prior to MMT

We will put together goals and a budget for 2022

You're Invited...

80th Birthday party for Janet Towner

Sunday October 17, from 2:00-4:00

at Dino's Lakeside Club 15445 CR-9 Eden Valley, MN 55329

(Janet was a past member before moving to Cold Spring)
Hosted by her Children (Dan and Tammy Miller and siblings)
Light Lunch, No gifts please

Smoke Detector Battery Giveaway...

Our Annual

Smoke-Detector Battery Giveaway

October 30 @ 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.



Church Choir...



Practices after Worship.

No experience necessary. Please join us!

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Thot for a day: People are forever calling me a hypochondriac, and, let me tell you, that just makes me sick.

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Church Clean-up...

You can sign up to take on any of these "spring cleaning" projects. They can be completed any time that works for you this month (there won't be a designated "Clean Up Day").



- ADD PAVER SAND TO SIDEWALK
- CLEAN / ORGANIZE EAST FURNACE ROOM
- CLEAN / ORGANIZE WEST FURNACE ROOM
- CLEAN / ORGANIZE STORAGE SHED
- ORGANIZE NURSERY

Email Humor....

REASONS WHY FARM TRUCKS ARE NEVER STOLEN

~ They have a range of about 20 miles before they overheat, break down or run out of gas.

~ Only the owner knows how to operate the door to get in or out.

~ It is difficult to drive fast with all the fence tools, grease rags, ropes, chains, buckets, boots and loose papers in the cab.

~ The Border Collie on the tool box looks mean.

~ The large round bale in the back makes it hard to see if you're being chased. You could use the mirrors if they weren't cracked and covered with duct tape.

~ Who wants a truck that needs a year's worth of maintenance, u-joints, \$3,000 in bodywork, taillights and a windshield.

~ It's hard to commit a crime with everyone waving at you.

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/59uv5x22>

Email Wisdom...

Jeremy was born with a twisted body, a slow mind and a chronic, terminal illness that had been slowly killing him all his young life. Still, his parents had tried to give him as normal a life as possible and had sent him to St. Theresa's Elementary School.

At the age of 12, Jeremy was only in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became exasperated with him. He would squirm in his seat, drool and make grunting noises. At other times, he spoke clearly and distinctly, as if a spot of light had penetrated the darkness of his brain. Most of the time, however, Jeremy irritated his teacher. One day, she called his parents and asked them to come to St. Teresa's for a consultation.

As the Forresters sat quietly in the empty classroom, Doris said to them, "Jeremy really belongs in a special school. It isn't fair to him to be with younger children who don't have learning problems. Why, there is a five-year gap between his age and that of the other students!"

Mrs. Forrester cried softly into a tissue while her husband spoke. "Miss Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock for Jeremy if we had to take him out of this school. We know he really likes it here."

Doris sat for a long time after they left, staring at the snow outside the window. Its coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with the Forresters. After all, their only child had a terminal illness. But it wasn't fair to keep him in her class. She had 18 other youngsters to teach and Jeremy was a distraction. Furthermore, he would never learn to read or write. Why waste any more time trying?

As she pondered the situation, guilt washed over her. "Oh God," she said aloud, "here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared with that poor family! Please help me to be more patient with Jeremy."

From that day on, she tried hard to ignore Jeremy's noises and his blank stares. Then one day he limped to her desk, dragging his bad leg behind him. "I love you, Miss Miller," he exclaimed, loudly enough for the whole class to hear. The other children snickered, and Doris' face turned red. She stammered, "Wh-Why, that's very nice, Jeremy. Now please take your seat."

Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg. "Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?"

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That for a day: Your secret's safe with me. I wasn't even listening.

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Yes, Miss Miller!" the children responded enthusiastically - all except for Jeremy. He just listened intently, his eyes never left her face. He did not even make his usual noises. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? Perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them. That evening, Doris' kitchen sink stopped up. She called the landlord and waited an hour for him to come by and unclog it. After that, she still had to shop for groceries, iron a blouse and prepare a vocabulary test for the next day. She completely forgot about phoning Jeremy's parents.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their Math lesson, it was time to open the eggs. In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground we know that spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arms. "That's my egg, Miss Miller," she called out.

The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that is new life, too." Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine."

Next Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that the moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back of the classroom. "My Daddy helped me!" he beamed.

Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty! Surely it must be Jeremy's, she thought, and, of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another.

Suddenly Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" Flustered, Doris replied, "but Jeremy - your egg is empty!" He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty too!"

Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?"

"Oh yes!" Jeremy exclaimed. "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then his Father raised him up!"

The recess bell rang. While the children excitedly ran out to the school yard, Doris cried. The cold inside her melted completely away.

Three months later Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty.

A Minute for Couples...

(from the Prepare-Enrich blog)

When we think of being adaptable, we might associate it with a person's personality type. Some people are more adaptable and go with the flow, while others are more thrown off when the unexpected happens. However, it's not just individuals who have varying levels of adaptability—relationships do, too.



Why is adaptability (or flexibility) important in relationships? Think of a small tree, weathering a storm. If that tree is able to bend and flex when it's hit with strong gusts of wind, it has better odds of surviving the storm. If the trunk of that tree is brittle and rigid, it's likely it will snap under the wind's force and be left broken in the aftermath.

Being adaptable in your relationship is a lot like having that pliable trunk, with the storm being the adversity, stressors, and hardships that life can throw your way. Being flexible means you're more likely to make it through those challenges as a couple and bounce back to a balanced state, while being rigid during trying times makes your relationship more susceptible to irreparable damage. Simply put, a healthy level of adaptability lends itself to a more resilient relationship.

There are simple ways we can stretch and strengthen our adaptability muscles, both intentionally and by being mindful during certain everyday situations. Here are some examples:

Swap territories.

Do you and your spouse have certain "territories" that you normally take care of in the relationship? Maybe you handle all the car-related stuff (maintenance, repairs, and cleaning), while your partner manages everything related to finances. This will look different for every couple, but hopefully you're comfortable in your roles and they play to your individual strengths. Get uncomfortable. Temporarily take over each other's tasks, or learn what goes into them. Imagine how you'd handle the task if your partner couldn't do it. You'll not only gain a bigger appreciation for what your spouse does, you'll also strengthen your adaptability by practicing how you'd manage if life threw a wrench in your status quo.

Be spontaneous.

Think of something that you usually do in a very planned, predictable

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That for a day: You can train a cat to do anything it wants to do.

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way. Now throw those plans out the window and try going about it by flying by the seat of your pants. For example, if you've got a routine down for going out to dinner at your favorite restaurant, try somewhere completely new, maybe in a neighborhood you aren't familiar with. Assuming you don't google it, you won't know what the parking situation is, what the best menu items are, or what the ambience is like. You'll need to adapt on the fly, and that's the whole point.

Re-examine what's working.

This might seem counterintuitive. If it's working, why mess with it? The truth is, sometimes we just get so used to doing something a certain way that we keep doing it like that, even if it's no longer the best way. Circumstances, people and relationships change. Taking time to reassess areas in which you both seem content helps you adapt to those gradual changes or anticipate future ones. For example, let's say you both seem pretty happy with how you handle disciplining your kids. In re-examining it, you might ask each other, "If you had to change one thing, what would it be?" One of you might say, "Oh, that reminds me! I think we might need to try some new screen time limits." Or you might discover you're both feeling anxious about the parenting adjustments you'll need to make as your oldest enters middle school. Healthy adaptability doesn't always occur in the midst of an unexpected crisis; it can also be found in the way you adjust to changes you know are coming down the pike.

Take note of everyday situations.

Think through how you might handle the situations below, and be aware of similar circumstances that pop up day to day. Be mindful of times you're feeling upset, irritated, or uncomfortable in navigating the situation, and set aside some time to reflect on it with your partner. What adjustments do each of you have to make? How can you work together for the best outcome?

- The babysitter falls through
- One of you goes down with a stomach bug
- You're stuck in traffic and going to miss your dinner reservation
- Your car breaks down and will be in the shop for a week

Your adaptability as a couple is an undervalued aspect of your relationship. It flies under the radar, but it's a critical component in an enduring relationship. Why? Because it cushions the bumps and blows, big and small, that life throws at you, boosting your resilience as a couple.

October 2021 - Daily Readings

DAILY READING PROGRAM: . We start October with a week of passages reminding us of the POWER of God's Word.. Then we shift to passages about what to put in our minds, and finish with a week of passages that were key to the Lutheran Reformation (504th Anniversary on October 31!)

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

Week of October 3 The Power of God's Word

- Oct 4 Isaiah 55:10-11 _____

 Oct 5 Romans 1:16-18 _____

 Oct 6 Hebrews 4:12-13 _____

 Oct 7 1 Peter 1:22-15 _____

 Oct 8 Psalm 119:9-16 _____

 Oct 9 Psalm 148:1-6 _____

Week of October 10 Daily Readings Attitudes and Thoughts

- Oct 11 Philippians 2:1-8 _____

 Oct 12 Ephesians 4:17-24 _____

 Oct 13 1 Peter 4:1-5 _____

 Oct 14 Genesis 6:5-8 _____

 Oct 15 Psalm 10:1-5 _____

 Oct 16 Psalm 139:1-4 _____

Week of Oct 17 Daily Readings Thoughts

- Oct 18 Ecclesiastes 10:20 _____

- Oct 19 Isaiah 55:5-9 _____

 Oct 20 Matthew 9:1-8 _____

 Oct 21 Matthew 15:16-19 _____

 Oct 22 Romans 8:5-9 _____

 Oct 23 Romans 12:1-3 _____

Week of Oct 24 Daily Readings What to Focus Our Minds On

- Oct 25 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 _____

 Oct 26 Ephesians 2:1-5 _____

 Oct 27 Philippians 4:4-8 _____

 Oct 28 Colossians 3:1-17 _____

 Oct 29 Hebrews 3:1-6 _____

 Oct 30 Hebrews 4:12-13 _____

Week of Oct 31 Daily Readings Key Passages of the Reformation

- Nov 1 Romans 1:16-17 _____

 Nov 2 Ephesians 2:1-10 _____




 Nov 3 1 Peter 2:4-10 _____

 Nov 4 2 Timothy 3:10-17 _____

 Nov 5 Matthew 11:28-30 _____

 Nov 6 Galatians 3:6-14 _____

October 2021 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH STUDY - ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion 11:30 - CHOIR PRACTICE	4	5	6  6:15 CONFIRMATION	7	8 6:00 Food Prep for Mex. Dinner	9  4:30 - 7:00 MEXICAN FIESTA DINNER
10 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH STUDY - ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP	11	12 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	13 10:00 LWML & WOMEN'S STUDY 6:15 CONFIRMATION	14 MISSION Ministry 5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	15	16
19 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH STUDY - ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion	20	21 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	22	23	24	25
24 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH STUDY - ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP 11:15 - FALL VOTERS' ASS'Y	25	26 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	27 6:15 CONFIRMATION	28	29	30  10:00 SMOKE-DETECTOR BATTERY OUTREACH
31 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH STUDY - ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP w/communion	Nov 1	Nov 2 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	Nov 3 6:15 CONFIRMATION	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6

Lord's Supper Dates

- Sunday, October 3rd
- Sunday, October 19th
- Reformation Sunday, October 31st

Upcoming Schedules...

After-Worship Fellowship

We've had requests to re-start our after-worship fellowship time (complete with coffee, juice, and maybe even goodies).

COORDINATOR NEEDED

Here's what that would involve:

- + Putting together a rotating schedule of Fellowship Servers.
- + Reminding servers of their date to serve.
- + Making sure there are cups, plates, napkins, etc... to use.

If you could take on this ministry to our congregation, there are LOTS of folks who would be extremely grateful for your effort!

Usher Schedule

Oct 3 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
Oct 10 Miller family
Oct 17 Larry Levin & Carroll Sarsland
Oct 24 Open
Oct 31 Open

USHERS NEEDED AGAIN:

Since we are back to "normal" after covid restrictions, we are in need of ushers to greet people at the door as well as to usher people to the altar for communion.

Please sign up at church on the table by the door (you can choose which type of ushering you are interested in)!

Scripture Readers

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

Elders

Oct 3, 10 Joe & Duane
Oct 17, 24 & 31 (Reformation) Jason & Ed

NEW: Confirmation Parent Assistants

Oct 6 Miller
Oct 13 Sawatzky
Oct 20 No Class
Oct 27 B & K Sharp

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Thot for a day: A perfectionist walked into a bar. Apparently it wasn't set high enough.

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NEW: Communion Wafer

Makers

Oct 3 Alex Meis
Oct 17 Rya Sharp

Make A Meal Volunteers

Oct Violet Dauk

Nursery

Oct 3 Pam Johnson
Oct 10 Volunteer Needed
Oct 17 Mona Hjelle
Oct 24 Violet Dauk
Oct 31 Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild

Oct Mona Hjelle

Accompanying Musicians

Oct 3 Scott Wachter
Oct 10 Sharon Willen
Oct 17 Pam Johnson
Oct 24 Carmen Macik
Oct 31 Open

Custodian

October Available
November Available

Youth Gathering...

The NEXT National Youth Gathering
(2022 in Houston)



A HUGE "THANK YOU" to EVERYONE who helped with our Garage Sale Fundraiser by donating or purchasing items!
We made \$1000 !!

Seen on Church Signboards...

**Now Serving:
Pumpkin Spice
Communion Wafers**

We hope this is simply a joke about the pumpkin spice craze...

October Discipleship Verse...

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

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
- Oct-Dec Portals of Prayer

Sermons can be found in on our Living Word Facebook page at

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

or on our YouTube channel (New London Living Word) at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG9eU-VvIJEU2yCYxbhwig>



Sept 5 "The Difference Between Church and 'Cheers'"

Sept 12 "More Faith-Growing Lessons from Sunflowers!"

Sept 19 "What is the main 'business' of the church?"

Sept 26 "The connection between Feast of Tabernacles & Jesus"

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.

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.

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That for a day: Do you think when fish get thrown back by fisherman, they start yelling about alien abductions and the other fish stop talking to them?

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Prayer...

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 HUGE 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 to PRAY for things like... these VBS Prayers:

- People you can invite to any of our studies or Mexican Dinner
- Thanking God for His amazing Fall colors
- For the Holy Spirit to help kids grow to know Jesus through Sunday School and confirmation classes
- 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
- Great weather for the end of the growing season & begin of harvest
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for government leaders
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Courage to take a stand for Jesus at work AND school
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Thank You...

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

Community Outreach...

The Mexican Fiesta is THIS SATURDAY!!

(October 9 from 4:30 - 7:00)



Friday night, October 8,
(About 6 pm):
we still need helpers for
cutting veggies and pre-
paring food.

Saturday, volunteers for
serving and cleaning up
would be most appreciat-
ed! Anywhere from 4:00-
8:00 is great.

You can text or call Tammy at 320-905-2434
Thank you!

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Living Nativity, Sunday, December 5 EVEN BIGGER and BETTER

We are gearing up for the Living Nativ-
ity on Sunday December 5th. Approx.
3:00-5:00.



Looking for a Committee to help plan and organize.

My goal this year is doing it bigger...a walk through and would like to
space some portable type fire pits through out the walk through
(Somebody suggested that last year and I think it's a great idea)
If you have fire pits and wood please let me know.

We will also need characters to play non -speaking parts...More verbi-
age on signs.

Towbridge Zoo will be bringing animals again and Carl the Camel's
brother will be here.

Interested in helping? have ideas?
Please call or text Tammy at 320-905-2434

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Thot for a day: I before E ... except when your foreign neighbor Keith receives eight counterfeit,
beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters.

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LWML News...



LWML MEETING:

Wednesday, October 13th @ 10:00 a.m.
We'll have a business meeting, followed by
Women's Bible Study (video & discussion).

SHOES FOR MISSIONS:

This is a continuing fundraiser for Lutheran Is-
land Camp. Please bring shoes, boots, slippers,
sandals (in rubber banded pairs, or with shoe-
strings tied) to church, and place them in the
SHOES FOR MISSIONS box near the entrance.



LWML FALL RALLY:

LWML Regional Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at
Trinity Lutheran Church in Ortonville. Registration will start at
8:30am. Rally will begin at 9:00am. Registration fee will be \$7.00.
Speaker will be Tom O'Neill (Pastor O'Neill's son). He will speak about
his mission trips to Peru. Lunch will be served following the rally.

Email Inspiration...

It was a Dark and Stormy Night

It was a dark and stormy night,
with much lightning and thun-
der. A daddy, concerned that his
young daughter might need
comfort during the storm, tip-
toed to her bedroom door. He
quietly opened her door to her
pitch-black room.



Just then, a blinding lightning bolt hit close by. He saw his daughter
silhouetted at the window. And then the thunder clap literally shook
the house.

At that moment, he heard his daughter shout out, "Way to go, God! Do
it again!"

*Pastor's Note: I could've put this under "Email Humor," but included it
under "Email Inspiration," because of the child-like faith on display here
that knows God is all-powerful - and gives Him credit for it!*



The Link...

August 2021 Updates

It's official! The Link and Food Pantry and the Community Revival Thrift Store are now all in one location! Thanks to the many volunteers that showed up on moving day, the transition was so quick and painless! The Food Pantry only had to be shut down for one day! In August, our amazing volunteers put in over 746 hours to help get everything ready for the store opening and the other programs to continue to run smoothly. The Thrift Store is located at 15 Main St. S, New London. The entry for the store is off Central Avenue and donations are taken in the back of the building by the big brown garage door. The Food Pantry and Outreach offices are now located at 20 Central Ave. E., New London. The entry for outreach and The food pantry is on the back side of the building. The Food Pantry hours are now Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10am-3pm or by appointment.

The Community Revival Boutique and Thrift Store opened on September 8th and had an amazing first week! Donations of clothing and most household items are being taken Wednesdays-Fridays 10-3 and Saturdays from 10-2 (or by appointment).

Volunteers Needed!!! If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer in the Community Revival Boutique and Thrift Store, we are in need of more volunteers. The Store hours are Wednesday-Friday 10am-3pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm. If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer in a fun, fast paced environment, please contact Shawna at 320-347-1047 or stop in during store hours. We have a lot of different jobs available from sorting and pricing donations to opening the store and running the till.

In August, **The Food Pantry** welcomed 4 new families, served 21 children, 53 adults and 18 seniors in August. 2213 pounds of food was distributed and 425 pounds of food was donated from community members and churches.

The Wildcat Backpack Program is starting up again this month! It is free to any families that attend the NL-S school district and is completely confidential. Each week volunteers pack 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 snacks, 1 fruit, 1 treat and 2 drinks to send home for the weekend with those families that have signed up. One staff at each school is assigned to place these bags in the locker of each student requesting the backpacks during the school day to ensure confidentiality. If a family prefers to not have them sent home from school, but would still like to utilize the program, they can come into the Food Pantry Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 10-3 or by appointment. If you know a family that could benefit

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Thot for a day: What do you call a can opener that doesn't work? A can't opener.

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from this program, please have them call Ashley at 320-354-5555.

Senior Food Delivery- The Senior Food Delivery program is designed to deliver food to anyone that is homebound. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about this program please have them call Ashley at 320-354-5555.

The Link's **Client Outreach program** served 5 families in the month of August. Throughout the month, The Link was able to help with utility bills, rent payments, medical bills and gas for medical appointments. The Household Exchange Program also served 3 families in August by giving families in need a dresser, couches, a recliner, dishes, kitchen utensils, bathroom necessities and a few beds.

Tuesday's Table:

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

Monthly Giving Opportunities:

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

Confirmation News...

- Class starts at 6:15 (Oct 6, 13 & 27)
- Pastor will have PB & J sandwiches and hotdogs at 5:45 for those who want to eat before class.
- No Class on October 20 due to MEA
- Smoke Detector Battery Giveaway- Oct 30 @ 10am



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.

Pick Your Month for you (or your family) to be our Church Custodian: We are still in need of volunteers for October, November, and December. 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: Violet Dauk if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal.



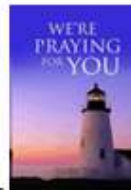
We are also looking for a person to be the Make-a-Meal coordinator -

The coordinator is NOT responsible for making the meals, but rather notifies the meal makers when a meal is needed and then 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**



Operate our new Video Camera...

to record the worship service that we livestream and later upload our YouTube channel (New London Living Word). Talk to Pastor David if you can help out with this - at least one Sunday a month. (Hint: It's not difficult!)

Remember the Teal's Rebate Program.

Teal's Grocery gives a 1% rebate to eligible organizations. There's a box under the mail boxes where you can put in your receipts. Thanks to everyone who turned in Teal's Receipts in 2020! We received back \$160 from 700



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That for a day: That awkward moment when a zombie looking for brains walks past you.

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receipts!

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Story Behind The Song...

With Reformation Sunday coming this month, I thought we should feature a good Reformation hymn, but most of the ones we think of like "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", "The Church's One Foundation", "How Firm A Foundation", and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" have been featured in past issues (some, several times). So I'm going to pick a song that is bit newer and may not readily come to mind for Reformation Sunday, but still fits the themes of unity and a faith grounded in God... **"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"** also known as "We Are One In The Spirit"

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" joins hymns "Here I Am, Lord" and "One Bread, One Body," among others, composed in a vernacular-folk style. The accessible melody and folk-guitar accompaniment encouraged the "full, conscious, and active" participation of the church.

Originally published in the *Hymnal for Young Christians* (1966), the song by Catholic priest Peter Raymond Scholtes connects participation in communal singing with the charge and benediction to the gathered assembly. The hymn becomes a sung theology of discipleship and action at the congregation's sending. Nearly 450 years after Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses this song contributed to the new church music revolution or "reformation" of the 60's.

Like many post-Vatican II hymns, "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love," a favorite song during the folk mass of the later 1960s and 1970s, has reached beyond its Roman Catholic origins. Songs such as "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" accent the connection between the church's song and its role in the life of the world. The hymn becomes the vehicle for connecting worship to a specific moment of discipleship. This charge also becomes a commitment to the believer's responsibility and participation in God's kingdom work. As the author comments:

When we focus on imagining what it is that God desires, as people of hope, we emphasize that the work does not and cannot begin with us, but rather is grounded in God. We work hard to do our part, as participants in the labor of God, impatient to witness the coming of God's Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven.

Peter Scholtes, was a Catholic priest serving at St. Brendan's parish on the South Side of Chicago in 1966, when he penned "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" because he could not find a

suitable song to accompany a series of ecumenical and interracial events for which the youth choir he led was to sing. Like many songs coming out of the popular folk music of the 1960s, "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" connected to the societal upheaval of the decade. Alongside popular protest songs like Bob Dylan's "Blowing in the Wind" or Pete Seeger's "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," Scholtes's text connected the faith story of young people disillusioned with the landscape of American culture.

Scholtes later left the priesthood, married, and had an active life in the public sector, where he was an author and international consultant with a focus on helping "businesses engage employees' talents more fully, humanely, and effectively".

The song's popularity later earned it the title "anthem of the Jesus Movement". In retrospect, Scholtes's song, along with other selections associated with the music of the Jesus People, helped establish guitar as the primary instrument for worship in the growing contemporary worship model. Also, like many songs of this period, "We Are One in the Spirit," as it is sometimes known, is based on a specific scripture reference, John 13:35, which is paraphrased in the refrain of the piece: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (NIV*).

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**Yes they'll know we
are christians
By our love**

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That for a day: He's just as smart as he can be ... unfortunately.

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We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

All praise to the father by who all things
And all praise to Christ Jesus his only son
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

Editor's note: This song has been performed by many artists. I really enjoy the rendition by Jars of Clay—<https://youtu.be/6Cl4gefRAi4>, but my favorite version may be the one done by for King & Country—<https://youtu.be/d9zoq3k-3K0>

