



Living Word
Lutheran Church
LCMS



November 2022 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...

"How would the animals be able to survive in 'the wild' after getting out of the ark? I mean, they've basically been domesticated for over a year and a half. They are used to having someone feed them."



Wow! Great question from one of our Confirmation Students. It's a very practical question that had never crossed my mind, but that made perfect sense.

The Bible doesn't mention anything about the animals having an adjustment period - or any difficulties surviving - after life on the ark. As a result, I'm going to answer the question using things God has told us.

As it relates to the animals on the ark, one of the questions that typically comes up is this one: "How could Noah have found and rounded up and transported all those animals to the ark?" He didn't have to!

In Genesis 6:20 we read

"Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal, of every kind of creature that moves along the ground WILL COME TO YOU to be kept alive."

One of the truths we see over and over in the Bible is this one:

"God asks us to do what we can, and He promises to take care of the things we *can't*."

Here for example, what Noah could do was build the ark. What would have been impossible for him to do was gather two of every bird and animal. So, God took care of that part.

My best answer to the above question is this:

Just as God somehow prompted the animals and birds - just two of each kind - to head to the ark, He somehow also gave those animals and birds the instincts to survive in the vast new world they would encounter after

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leaving the ark.

It's a great illustration of the thing that's extremely important to remember: *"God only asks us to do what we can. He promises to take care of the stuff that we can't!"* (And He always knows, what we can and can't do!)

Thanks for asking!
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Who Can You Invite?...

- Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- or
- Our Live Nativity?

Talk to God about your Friends, then simply ask them to join you - and be sure to offer to pick them up!

Pic of the G.L.O.W. light made by Sunday School students



"Participate" in Worship from home...

If you can't be here in person: Watch on our YouTube channel with Sunday services being livestreamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG9eU-VvIJEU22yCYxbhwjg/featured>

Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday mornings at 9:00
Join us for coffee and God's Word!

Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Wednesday, November 9 @ 10:00 a.m.
All women are invited to join us!



Evening Women's Study

Wednesdays @ 6:30
at Violet Dauk's home

Men's Study

Tuesdays @ 6:30

- Grilling some brats (6:00-6:30)
- No Study on Nov. 8 (Election Day)

Who can you invite to join you?

Simple Ways to Lift Your Spiritual Life...

Read 120 Key Bible Narratives
(Or listen to Pastor read them on our website)

Refresh your memory about God's work in His world through these basics of the Christian faith, from Creation to John's Vision of Heaven.

You'll find the readings listed on our [Daily Readings page](#)

High School Youth Study...

Sunday Evening, November 6 @ 6:30
Game Night at Levi Miller's Home

Wednesday, November 16 @ 5:30 -
High School Youth Study
(Location TBD - We'll let everyone know!)

Our Study:

THE DARKNESS AND THE
LIGHT



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That for a day: If you don't know where you're going, you're never lost.

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Sunday School News...

Sunday School Lessons:

(Kids remember to bring your Bibles to SS!)

- November 6 - Parable of Wheat and Tares Matt 13:24-30
- November 13 - The Harvest is Plentiful Matt 9:37-38
- November 20 - Thanksgiving Lesson
- November 27 - Advent/Christmas Practice



SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Sunday School Christmas Program: Sunday, December 18
Parents: Mona will text you with details.

Operation Christmas Child...

Shoebbox Dedication: November 13

National Shoebbox Collection Week: November 14-21

The congregation and the children are again invited to participate in "Operation Christmas Child".
Brochures, boxes and labels are provided.

We will dedicate the shoe boxes during worship on November 13. The absolute last day for the boxes to be brought back to church, will be Wednesday, November 16th. If you need more info, go to www.samaritanpurse.org. Thank you for partnering with Samaritans Purse, as we share God's love with children around the world.
Thanks, Mona Hjelle



Confirmation News...

Confirmation classes:

Wednesday,
6:00 - 6:50 p.m. for 6-7th Graders
7:00 - 7:50 p.m. for 8-9th Graders

Please check the Parent Helper Schedule

Parents take turns helping out at class

Also Check: The PowerPoint Clicker-Person Schedule

Each student takes a turn operating the "clicker" that changes the PowerPoint screens during Sunday Worship.



Mark Your Calendars...

Mission & Ministry Team

Thursday, November 10th @ 6:30 p.m.
Elders' Team @ 5:30 prior to MMT

2023 Planning Meeting
Thursday, October 20 @ 6:00 p.m.

Building Committee

- Met October 27 and to create a Vision Statement for the Feasibility Study mailing.
- Steve and Kevin installed the new Entry Doors! Thanks guys!
- NEXT Meeting: Thursday, November 17 @ 6:30

Pumpkin (and other) Pie Fellowship

After Thanksgiving Eve Worship



We are serving pie (pumpkin, etc.) or pumpkin dessert after the Thanksgiving service. Anyone wanting to bring a pie or dessert can contact me at textbooks@tds.net or call me at 796-5605. Thanks! Bonnie Hansen

Community Outreach News...

WOMEN'S RETREAT

is scheduled for May 19-21, 2023 @ Willow Ridge Retreat Center, Hutchinson, MN

More details to come!!

Bingo Prizes Needed

(For Friendship Sunday in February)

If you have something that would be a good "prize," please talk to Marcia Welsh

Church Choir...

Practice after worship on Nov 6, 13, & 20

Please join us as we practice for singing on Thanksgiving Eve



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That for a day: The best way to get ahead is to use the one you've got.

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Email Wisdom...

How about FALL Resolutions?

(After 10 months of not keeping the ones from New Year's)

- Give up complaining . . . focus on gratitude for what God's given.
- Give up harsh judgments . . . Pray for the one you're judging.
- Give up worry . . . Pray and trust divine providence.
- Give up discouragement . . . be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness . . . turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred . . . return good for evil.
- Give up anger . . . practice patience.
- Give up pettiness . . . put on your big boy/girl pants.
- Give up gloom . . . enjoy the beauty that is around you.
- Give up jealousy . . . pray for contentment.
- Give up gossiping . . . control your tongue.

The more you miss church, the less you miss church.... and Satan smiles!

Trap Shooting Fellowship...

OUR FINAL TRAP-SHOOT FELLOWSHIP Of the SEASON

Held Saturday, October 8

Year-End Grand Prize
Winners:



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 :

- LOTS of things for kids to take home!
- The Oct - Dec Portals of Prayer



Recorded videos of Sermons

Sermons can be found in on our Living Word YouTube channel (New London Living Word) at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG9eU-VvIJEU22vCYxbhwjg/videos>

- Oct 2 "Lessons on God's Timing & Taking Him for Granted"
- Oct 9 "An Important Lesson from God in The book of Ruth!"
- Oct 16 "A Reminder We All Need from the Account of Rahab."
- Oct 23 "We Hear from a Guy Who Grew Up With Jesus: James"
- Oct 30 "What Would Luther Reform in the Church in 2022?"

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.



Portal of Prayer Daily Devotionals

for October through December
are in mailboxes (and on Free Stuff table).

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That for a day: when you can't find the sunshine...be the sunshine.

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

- His guidance for your votes on November 8
- God to put in office those who would seek His will as they lead us
- People you can invite to Thanksgiving Eve worship or Live Nativity
- Safety during hunting and harvesting
- Thanking God for all Veterans and those who currently serve
- An "Attitude of Gratitude" everyday - not just on Thanksgiving Day
- Safe travels over the Thanksgiving holiday
- Asking God's continued guidance for our Building Committee.
- Asking God to humble you, seek Him and repent (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- Thanking God that His Word is Truth amidst the lies of the world.
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Opportunities to Share God's Love in Practical Ways.
- God's protection, wisdom & courage for government leaders
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in July on the 1st and 3rd Sundays—November 6th & 20th plus on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23rd.



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.

Email Inspiration...

[This is a true story that happened to one of the "Mikey's Funnies" readers years ago in a Youth Ministry college course.]

I left work early so I could have some uninterrupted study time right before the final in my Youth Issues class. When I got to class, everybody was doing their last minute studying. The teacher came in and said he would review with us for just a little bit before the test. We went through the review, most of it right on the study guide, but there were some things he was reviewing that I had never heard of. When questioned about it, he said that they were in the book and we were responsible for everything in the book. We couldn't really argue with that.

Finally it was time to take the test.

"Leave them face down on the desk until everyone has one and I'll tell you to start," our prof instructed.

When we turned them over, every answer on the test was filled in! The bottom of the last page said the following:

"This is the end of the Final Exam. All the answers on your test are correct. You will receive an 'A' on the final exam. The reason you passed the test is because the creator of the test took it for you. All the work you did in preparation for this test did not help you get the A. You have just experienced...grACE."

He then went around the room and asked each student individually, "What is your grade? Do you deserve the grade you are receiving? How much did all your studying for this exam help you achieve your final grade?"

Now I am not a crier by any stretch of the imagination, but I had to fight back tears when answering those questions and thinking about how the Creator has passed the test for me.

Discussion afterward went like this: "I have tried to teach you all semester that you are a recipient of grace. I've tried to communicate to you that you need to demonstrate this gift as you work with young people. Don't hammer them; they are not the enemy. Help them, for they will carry on your ministry if it is full of GRACE!"

Talking about how some of us had probably studied hours and some just a few minutes but had all received the same grade, he pointed to a story Jesus told in Matthew 20. The owner of a vineyard hired people to work in his field and agreed to pay them a certain amount. Several

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Thot for a day: Love thy neighbor – sell thy drums.

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different times during the day, he hired more workers. When it was time to pay them, they all received the same amount. When the ones who had been hired first thing in the morning began complaining, the boss said, "Should you be angry because I am kind?" (Matthew 20:15).

The teacher said he had never done this kind of final before and probably would never do it again, but because of the content of many of our class discussions, he felt like we needed to experience grace.

Have you thanked Jesus today for the grace He's given 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 October we thanked God for...

- **M.E.A Break**
- **Ducks, Geese, Pheasants & Deer**

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



Thank You...

- **to EVERYONE for the Pastor (and wife!) Appreciation Sunday Gift Card and Reception after worship on October 30! We thank God for your partnership in the Gospel!**
Pastor David & Violet
- **To all those who participated in Operation Christmas Child by filling a shoebox!**
- **Veterans!** Veterans Day is November 11. A HUGE "Thank You" to all who have served our country. We are free to worship and live out our faith everyday because of you. God bless each of you!

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

November 2022 - Daily Readings

We continue reading 120 of the most important accounts in the Bible. We've listed the readings that are found in *Know the Bible Now* (KTBN). You can also do the readings from your Bible. Simply read the chapters listed in parentheses. Record your insights from on the lines provided.

NOTE: If you'd rather listen to the readings, Pastor has recorded them. You can find the link to the recordings on our website at the bottom of the home page. livingwordlutheran.net

Week of OCTOBER 30

Oct 31 KTBN :pg 112 *Saul Becomes King* (1 Samuel 8-11) _____

Nov 1 KTBN: pg 114 *Samuel anoints David* (1 Samuel 15-16) _____

Nov 2 KTBN: pg 116 *David fights Goliath* (1 Samuel 17) _____

Nov 3 KTBN: pg 118 *David & Jonathan* (1 Samuel 18 & 20) _____

Nov 4 KTBN: pg 120 *Psalms* _____

Week of NOVEMBER 6

Nov 7 KTBN: pg 122 *God's Covenant with David* (2 Samuel 7) _____

Nov 8 KTBN: pg 124-25 *Kings and Battles* _____

Nov 9 KTBN: pg 126 *Solomon Becomes King* (1 Kings 2-3) _____

Nov 10 KTBN: pg 128-29 *Proverbs* (summary) _____

Nov 11 KTBN: pg 130 *Solomon Builds the Temple* (1 Kings 5-6 and 8) _____

Week of NOVEMBER 13

Nov 14 KTBN pg 134, *God Provides for Elijah* (1 Kings 16-17) _____

Nov 15 KTBN pg 136 *Elijah & the Prophets of Baal*, (1 Kings 18) _____

Nov 16 KTBN pg138 *God takes Elijah to heaven* (1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 2) _____

Nov 17 KTBN pg 140 *Naaman and Elisha* (2 Kings 5) _____

Nov 18 KTBN pg 144 *Narrative of Jonah* (Jonah 1-4) _____

Week of NOVEMBER 20

Nov 21 KTBN: pg 146-149 *Amos & Isaiah* (summary) _____

Nov 22 KTBN 150 : *Isaiah Sees the Lord* (Isaiah 6-7, 9 & 53) _____

Nov 23 KTBN: pg 152-53 *Micah & Hosea* (summary) _____

Nov 24 KTBN: pg 154 *King Hezekiah Prays* (2 Kings 18-19) _____

Nov 25 KTBN: pg 156-57 *Nahum & Zephaniah* (Summary) _____

Week of NOVEMBER 27

Nov 28 KTBN pg 158 : *King Josiah* (2 Kings 22-23) _____




Nov 29 KTBN: pg 160 *Jeremiah* (summary) _____

Nov 30 KTBN: pg 162 *God calls Jeremiah* (Jeremiah 1, 23, 31) _____

Dec 1 KTBN: pg 164-65 *Habbakuk & Lamentations* (summary) _____

Dec 2 KTBN: pg 166-67 *God's People in Exile* (Summary) _____

November 2022 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Oct 30</p> <p>9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH & ADULT STUDIES</p> <p>10:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion</p>	<p>Oct 31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 - MEN'S WORK PROJECT & STUDY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 - 6-7th CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY</p> <p>7:00- 8-9th CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px;"> <p>Lord's Supper Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, November 6th • Sunday, November 20th • Thanksgiving Eve, November 23rd </div>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH & ADULT STUDIES</p> <p>10:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion</p> <p>11:30 - CHOIR PRACTICE</p> <p>6:30 - YOUTH GAME NIGHT</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 ELECTION DAY</p>  <p>NO MEN'S STUDY (Election Day)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 - LWML & WOMEN'S STUDY</p> <p>6:00 - 6-7th CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY</p> <p>7:00- 8-9th CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>10</p> <p>MISSION Ministry</p> <p>5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM</p> <p>6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>MAKE-A-MEAL DAY at Church</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH & ADULT STUDIES</p> <p>10:00 - WORSHIP</p> <p>11:30 - CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 - MEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 - H.S. YOUTH STUDY</p> <p>6:00 - 6-7th CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY</p> <p>7:00- 8-9th CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 - BUILDING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH & ADULT STUDIES</p> <p>10:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion</p> <p>11:30 - CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 - MEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 - THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP w/Communion</p> <p>7:30 - PIE FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH & ADULT STUDIES</p> <p>10:00 - WORSHIP</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 - MEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 - TREE DECORATING</p> <p>6:00 - 6-7th CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY</p> <p>7:00- 8-9th CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>Dec 1</p>	<p>Dec 2</p>	<p>Dec 3</p> <p>2:00 - 4:00 LIVING NATIVITY</p>

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

Nov 6 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Nov 13 Open
 Nov 20 Larry Levin & Chuck Weflen
 Nov 23 Open
 Nov 27 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

Confirmation Parent Helpers

	6-7th grade	8-9th grade
Nov 9	B/A Sharp	B/A Sharp
Nov 16	Wright	B/K Sharp
Nov 23	Thksgvg Eve	Thksgvg Eve
Nov 30	Foshaug	Foshaug
Dec 7	Hjelle	Dahl
Dec 14	Knutson	Meis

Elders

Nov 6, 13, Joe & Duane
 Nov 20, 23, 27 Steve & Scott

That for a day: Did you hear about that guy who used to be addicted to soap? He's clean now.

Custodian

Nov Volunteer Needed
 Dec Volunteer Needed

PowerPoint Operator

Nov 6 Ella Knutson
 Nov 13 Kala Miller
 Nov 20 Troy Sarsland
 Nov 27 Carson Sawatzky
 Dec 4 Anna Sharp

Communion Bread Maker

Nov 6 Parker
 Nov 20 Autumn
 Nov 23 Evelyn
 Dec 4 Ella

Nursery

(Volunteers needed - please talk to Mona H.)

Make A Meal Volunteers

See "New Make-a-Meal Program" Page for details

Altar Guild

Nov Mona Hjelle
 Dec Mona Hjelle

Accompanying Musicians

Nov 6 Sharon Willen
 Nov 13 Scott Wachter
 Nov 20 Open
 Nov 23 Open
 Nov 27 Open

Seen on Church Signboards...

**God Pardons Even
 the Biggest Turkeys!**

Church Mice

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November Discipleship Verse...

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
 for His steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

A Minute for Couples...

(from the Prepare-Enrich blog)

You and your spouse will go on a lot of dates throughout the course of your marriage – at least we hope you will! After all, continuing to date each other helps you nurture connection, friendship, and intimacy in your relationship, which can wane over time if you're not careful.

Depending on the season of your marriage, maintaining a habit of dating will require varying amounts of effort and intention. Sometimes, it'll be easy. Other times, you might feel as if you barely have time to sip a cup of coffee together in the morning. Luckily, different kinds of dates can meet the changing needs that arise as you navigate various life and relationship phases together. Keep reading as we explore six kinds of dates to master throughout your marriage.

1. The At-Home Date

For one reason or another, many couples have gotten more familiar with the idea of a date in the comfort of their own home. Whether you've got small children, money is tight, you're snowed in, or you're simply exhausted after a long week and can't fathom going out, sometimes a date at home is just what you need. The great thing about this date is you can make it whatever you want. Dress up for cocktails in the kitchen followed by takeout served up on the nice dishes. Put pjs on early, load up on snacks, and settle in for a competitive game of Scrabble. Bring a blanket to the backyard to watch the sunset and gaze at the stars. The essential component is that you're being intentional about being fully present and spending quality time with each other. (And put the phones away!)

2. The Spontaneous Date

Every now and then the perfect opportunity for a spur-of-the-moment date will fall into your lap. Learn to make the most of these occasions. Maybe the grandparents offered to take the kids for the night at the last minute or you both had your last meetings of the day get cancelled. Perhaps you find yourselves with a couple of hours to kill while one of your vehicles is in the shop. Don't be afraid to drop everything for an unplanned date. Sometimes the best times are had when you least expect them!

3. The (Re)Connection Date

Inevitably, you'll go through periods when you're feeling a little distant from each other. Maybe your schedules are just beyond hectic or you're dealing with some stressful life events and haven't been able to



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That for a day: Life isn't measured by the number of birthdays but by the events that fall between them.

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prioritize each other. Perhaps you've had a big fight recently and are still not back to your usual dynamic. No matter the situation, this date puts the focus on connecting (or reconnecting) with each other via meaningful conversation, physical or spiritual intimacy, or whatever you and your spouse need to feel close to each other again.

4. The Something-New Date

Remember the giddy excitement you felt when you were first dating each other? Recreate those feelings with a date that gets you trying or experiencing something new together. Dance lessons, axe throwing, painting class, cooking class, kayaking, the list goes on. Get creative and outside your comfort zone. You'll not only get those feel-good endorphins flowing, you'll also create an experience you can bond over. You may even discover a new hobby you can enjoy together.

5. The Tradition Date

While trying new things together has its benefits, a date that becomes a tradition has a lot to offer as well. It could be visiting the spot you met every year on your anniversary or always attending the opening game of the season for your favorite sports team. Perhaps you meet for lunch the first Friday of every month. Creating rituals like these cultivates shared meaning and reinforces your commitment to each other while giving you standing date to look forward to.

6. The All-Out Date

Sometimes you just have to go big and pull out all the stops. Perhaps you're celebrating a really special occasion, such as a milestone birthday or anniversary. Maybe you're commemorating a landmark achievement like landing the job of a lifetime or paying off your debt. Or maybe a fancy date with your spouse is simply what you want or need in your relationship right now. Whatever situation you find yourself in, this date is probably rare, but it's always special.

Hopefully these ideas help you think creatively so that you can continue dating each other all throughout your marriage.

Email Humor...

At my friends' wedding reception, the groom stood to say a few words. He turned to his bride's mother.

"You've given me a gift," he began, "a gift that..."

Here he paused with emotion,

Whereupon his mother-in-law completed the sentence: "That you can't return!"

Living Nativity...

Saturday December 3, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

What a fun and amazing event...

Complete with Camel, Donkey, Ox, Sheep and Goats provided by ~~Tow~~ ~~bridge~~ Zoo.

Drive OR Walk through this year!

Hot Chocolate and cookie table!!

We need:

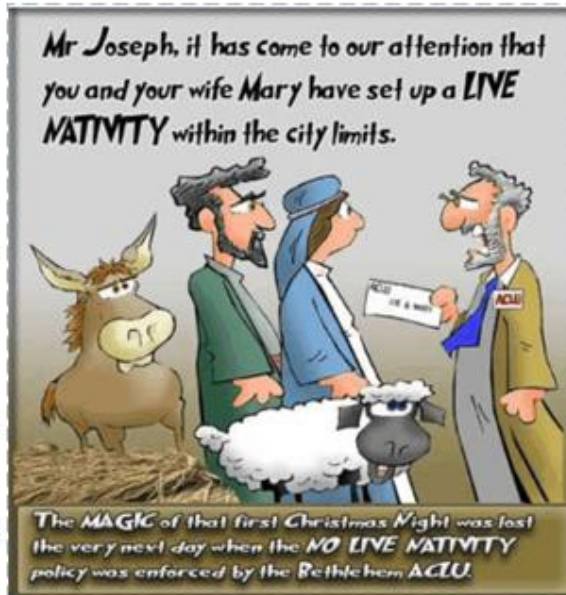
lots of Characters, We will have rotating shifts to help keep everyone warm.

We also still need:

A few self contained fire pits or LP heaters so we can have a few warming stations If you have one you can spare please have it at church before Dec. 3. Just set it by the shed, and we will move it as needed.

Committee members (Ruth Vegdahl, Pam Johnson, Laurie Hanson, Violet Dauk and Tammy Miller) will meet after worship 11/6.

Interested in helping on the committee or for the day, please let us know!! Text or call 320-905-2434 OR SIGN UP AT CHURCH.
THANK YOU!



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That for a day: You know you've reached middle age when you when you're cautioned to slow down by your doctor, instead of by the police.

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LWML News...



LWML MEETING:

Wednesday, November 9th at 10:00a.m. (Note change of date) All ladies of the church are welcome to join us for Bible study and fellowship



SHOES FOR MISSIONS:

A huge thank you to all who have donated! This is a continuing fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp. Please bring shoes, boots, slippers, sandals (in rubber banded pairs, or with shoestrings tied) to church, and place them in the SHOES FOR MISSIONS box near the entrance.

JOIN US TO DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS: November 30

Everyone is invited to church to decorate the Christmas tree and the sanctuary for Christmas, on Wednesday, November 30th, at 10:a.m. Potluck lunch to follow.

Outreach...

We have extra batteries from our outreach !

Please pick some up for your family - and to give to neighbors and friends- from the "Free Stuff" table at church.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our annual battery giveaway outreach!



After-Worship Fellowship

COOKIE-BAKING SCHEDULER NEEDED



We have cookies to ready to bake, and volunteers to bake them. All we need is someone to come up with a baking schedule and let the bakers know when it's their turn to bake. Pretty easy!

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

Opportunities to Serve...

Help With Our Nursery

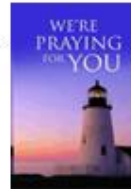
We need a couple more volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-6 year olds). Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help.

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. We are currently in need of a volunteer to mail the cards. If you could help, talk to Pastor David



Help Record our Worship Services...

that we livestream and later upload our YouTube channel (New London Living Word). Talk to Pastor David if you can help out with this - just one Sunday a month. (Hint: It's really not difficult - even Pastor figured it out!)

Remember the Teal's Rebate Program.

Teal's Grocery gives a 1% rebate to eligible organizations. There's a teal-colored box on the back-wall table where you can put in your receipts.



Donate to Living Word when you order from Amazon

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Living Word has been issued a \$15.85 donation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2022.

Custodian Volunteers Needed.

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 Trustee, Lonnie Robbin, to sign up or find out more details.

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That for a day: Life is too short to waste time matching socks.

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NEW Make-A-Meal Program...

One of the best (and simplest) ways to share Jesus' love is by making a meal for someone who is going through a tough time.



Marcia Welsh has volunteered to be our Make-A-Meal Coordinator. She is wanting to set up a "Make-a-Meal Day" at church, November 12, where 10-12 tater tot hotdishes can be made and frozen for deliver whenever needed. If you could help in any way with this important ministry, please contact Marcia. Thanks!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship...

Wednesday,
November 23
@ 6:30 p.m.



A special Thank-offering will be collected:

God commanded the Israelites to come to the temple once a year for a joyful celebration of the blessings God provided in the harvest. This harvest festival was called The Feast of Weeks.

Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you. Deuteronomy 16:10

With that in mind we will come together on Thanksgiving Eve for a special joyful celebration of the blessings God has provided us. We're each encouraged to bring a special freewill offering in proportion to how God has blessed us this past year.

Please pray about your Thank-offering proportion.. Use the special Thank-Offering envelope to make your Thank-Offering. (Your yearly Thank-Offering can be given any Sunday, if you are not able to attend the Thanksgiving Eve service.)

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

King David in 1 Chronicles 29:14

Lutheran Island Camp...

Staff needed for Summer 2023!

LIC is hiring for Summer 2023!

Application available on the National Outdoors Ministry Association (NLOMA) website.



We have 20 spots available for leadership, counselor, and support staff for college-aged young people. No one should miss out on this faith impacting experience!

Program Assistant

This job is for the mature and responsible person who would like to gain more experience in leadership and management. Their primary role is to assist the program director in managing the staff and schedule.

Cabin Counselors

Counselors are the face of summer camp operations! This role is for the person who is interested in learning and gaining experience on how to teach and share the Word of God with campers. There is no "right" personality for this job--just a heart for ministry! Cabin counselors are with the children and families all day long, nurturing their faith and ensuring an atmosphere of safety and fun!

Support Staff

This category is reserved for those who want to be in the camp atmosphere but prefer not to work with the kids as closely as a cabin counselor would. "Support staff" entails kitchen workers and groundskeepers. They stay on the Island for the duration of the summer.

Wrangler

Here at LIC we run a successful horse camp each week. With that comes the need for wranglers! Wranglers assist the head wrangler with all the needs for the horses and help run the horse program at Lutheran Island Camp. They love horses and they love camp! Wranglers stay at camp for the duration of the summer and use camp vehicles to transport themselves to and from the Ranch. Wranglers are also considered "support staff".

This year's theme is "Flourish"-Gal 5:22-23. Allow the word of God to flourish at camp by encouraging those you know to apply for Summer 2023!

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That for a day: The number of people older than you will never increase.

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**Pastor Dave and Violet
on Pastor (and wife)
Appreciation Sunday**

Story Behind The Song...

This is the month that we emphasize giving thanks. One of the great classic hymns of gratitude is "I Stand Amazed In the Presence." This hymn, which is also known as How Marvelous or My Savior's Love, was written by Charles Gabriel.

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel was born in 1856 in Iowa. From a young age he showed a talent and love for music. He learned music by playing the reed organ in his home. Though self-trained, he started leading singing school educational events as a teenager. He worked with Grace Episcopal Methodist Church in San Francisco from 1890-1892, and then moved to Chicago where he worked for Homer Rodeheaver's publishing firm. He became one of the most prolific composers of gospel songs of his day.

He edited gospel song books and contributed numerous hymns to various publications. He is credited with writing between 7,000-8,000 hymns and songs in his life. Many approached him to write the melody for their words. Some of his hymns include His Eye is on the Sparrow, O That Will Be Glory, Send the Light, Will the Circle be Unbroken, The Old Rugged Cross, Crown Him with Many Crowns, and Away in a Manger.

The inspiration for I Stand Amazed in the Presence is not known, but Gabriel wrote both the words and melody for the song. However, reading the lyrics, one can imagine how the passion of Christ found in the gospels vividly revealed itself to Gabriel as he penned the lyrics of the hymn.

The hymn first appeared in the 1905 E.O. Excell's collection, *Praises*. Rev. Carlton R. Young, editor of *The United Methodist Hymnal*, notes: "This song of gratitude and praise for the atoning death of Jesus is a personal and Adventist interpretation of Luke's account of Jesus' sweating blood in the Garden of Gethsemane, a portion of the passion narrative not included in the other Gospels."

Luke 22:41-44 reads, "And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground"

The song has been contemporized for modern audiences by Christian performer, Chris Tomlin. His version is known as "I Stand Amazed". There are several versions of lyrics, but here is the original as it was written...

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

CHORUS: How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me.

For me it was in the garden
He prayed, "Not My will but Thine;"
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

CHORUS

In pity angels beheld Him,
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.

CHORUS

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

That for a day: I get most of my exercise these days from shaking my head in disbelief.

CHORUS

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I, at last, shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of his love for me.

CHORUS

Editor's note: Here is a great live rendition of Christ Tomlin. Watch at <https://youtu.be/ysUhwqzKsyQ>. Also a great traditional version by Bart Miller of Mercy Me at <https://youtu.be/m2oStixGdF8>

This month's bonus music video is a brand new song by Leanna Crawford - "Simple". https://youtu.be/ka_SC87y17c

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Come follow me.. Jesus said,
and I will make you fishers of
men (and brook trout), and
hunters of
wild game
doncha
know!



Rev Timothy Tuttle is the leader of Hunters Lodge Lutheran in Bear Bait Minnesota.