

September 2022 Newsletter

"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

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Questions for Pastor...

Can we put an ad in the paper?

I fielded this question from a couple members the week after the Lakes Area Review published an article about the "drag" show scheduled at the Little Theater. You may also have read the article by now. The youth director who works for both Faith Lutheran and Peace Lutheran was quoted in the article expressing his support for the show. As a result, the two folks who asked if we could run an ad in the paper felt we needed to let the community know that there is also a Lutheran congregation here that does not support this kind of event.

Our MMT met after worship last Sunday to brainstorm ideas that we wanted to convey in the ad. The ad (to the right), which will run in two editions prior to Rally Sunday, is the result of our MMT brainstorming.



Thanks for asking!
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net



**Sunday
September 11**

- Sunday School Classes Resumes! 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Bible Study Resumes! 9:00 a.m.
- Worship returns to Fall/Winter/Spring Schedule! 10:00 a.m.
- Pancake and Omelet Brunch! Following Worship
- Hayride! Following Brunch

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God's Truth is Not Subject to Popular Culture



*God's Word is a Never-Changing Compass
in our ever-changing world.
It is still our guide to what is true, right and good.*

In it He clearly tells us that He LOVES everyone,
but just like a parent's love for a child, pointing out
what isn't good and right is part of that love.

In light of the scheduled drag shows in our community -
including a show for minors - we would like to
distinguish ourselves as a Lutheran church
that is not in support of these events.

*We invite you to join us Rally Sunday, September 11,
as we discover together God's truth for our lives:*

9:00 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:00 - Worship

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**Fall/Winter/Spring
Worship Time:
10:00 a.m.**

Resumes on Rally Sunday,
September 11

Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Resumes at 9:00 on Rally Sunday, Sept. 11

Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Wednesday, September 21 @ 10:00 a.m.

All women are invited to join us!

Evening Women's Study

Will start up in October



Men's Study

Begins Tuesday, Sept. 6 @ 6:30

We'll kick off the fall study by:

- Grilling some brats (6:00-6:30)
- Finding out "Stuff ABOUT CREATION They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School"

Who can you invite to join you?

Backpack Blessing...



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Thot for a day: My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make food right in front of you. I took her to Subway.

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Sunday School News...

Please join us for Rally Sunday, September 11, 2022 @ 9:00

+ Classes for all ages Pre-K - 9th grade!!

+ Hayride after worship/pancake and omelet feed

Starting September 18th we will begin our lessons on God's Creation, Genesis 1-2.

Confirmation News...



Confirmation classes start up again

Wednesday, September 7

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 on Schedule

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

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup - Wednesday, September 14 @ 5:30

We meet at church then leave at 5:30.

Outing to AirMax - Wednesday, September 21 @ 5:30

We meet at church then leave at 5:30.

- Tuesday, August 13 @ 6:30 - High School Youth Study (Location to be determined)

- Wednesday, August 14 - 6-9th Grade Youth Leave church for Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup at 5:30

- Wednesday, August 21 - 6-9th Grade Youth Leave church for AirMax Trampoline Park at 5:30



Mark Your Calendars...

Mission & Ministry Team

Thursday, September 8th @ 6:30 p.m.
Elders' Team @ 5:30 prior to MMT

We still need suggestions for people to fill the Stewardship and Vice Chair positions. If you have members you'd like us to consider, please give their name to a Mission and Ministry Team member.

Who Can You Invite to Rally Sunday?

- Talk to God about them.
- Then talk to them about joining you.
(Make sure to tell them you can pick them up!)

September Trap-Shooting Fellowship

Saturday, September 24
Lunch at noon.
Shooting from 12:30 - 1:30



We'll also draw for the
End-of-the-year Grand
Prizes

Building Committee...

Did Not Meet in August

We meet to finalize details of the Feasibility Study on:
Thursday, September 22nd @ 6:30

Community Outreach News...

This year instead of holding a Mexican Dinner we will host The Link's Tuesday's Table (the 5th Tuesday in May).

"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-VvJJEU22yCYxbhwjg/featured>

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Thot for a day: Not in jail. Not in a mental hospital. Not in a grave. Yeah, I am having a good day.

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Vacation Bible School 2022...



**August
15th—17th
2022**



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 July—Sept 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-VvJJEU22yCYxbhwjg/videos>

Aug 7 "Just one question to ask when you're worried."

Aug 14 Youth Gathering Reflections by Gathering Attendees

Aug 21 "Important things God reminds us of in His creation"

Aug 28 "Sure, God is with us. But what does that really mean?"

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.

Simple Ways to Lift Your Spiritual Life...

Come to church on Rally Sunday! - September 11th

Church Choir...

Starting in October!



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That for a day: Some people you're glad to see coming; some people you're glad to see going.

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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 upcoming studies or events
- For a great turnout for Rally Sunday & the start of Sunday School
- For the Holy Spirit to help kids who don't know Jesus to discover Him as their Lord and Savior through Sunday School
- For the Holy Spirit to work through the teachers of our classes
- Thanking God for a great turnout for Vacation Bible School
- God to continue to work through what we learned at VBS
- The Holy Spirit to bring growth through our Confirmation classes
- Asking God's continued guidance for our Building Committee.
- 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—September 4th and 18th.



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.

Thank You...

- To ALL that served in some way with Vacation Bible School! To the people who provided meals and served, helped with Games, puppets, teaching, helpers, registration table, etc!!
- To those who brought school supplies for our VBS Mission project for "Orphan Grain Train"! We filled all 14 packs! A HUGE THANK YOU!!
- To Sharon Willen for teaching the kids songs for VBS!
- To Mona Hjelle for organizing and leading VBS again!
- To Marcia Welsh for booking our Hinterland Vineyard and Big Kahuna outings. Both were great!
- To everyone for all the prayers, thoughts, visits and phone calls after my surgery and during my stay at the nursing home! I'm at home now continuing to heal slowly but surely!! See you all soon! Love Marcia

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

Congratulations...

- Jax Michael Maas - on your baptism into God's Family !

Please email pastor@livingwordlutheran.net if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations



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That for a day: The road to success has so many tempting parking spaces.

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From the Big Kahuna...



September 2022 - Daily Readings

This month we join our confirmation classes in 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 the Bible you currently have. Simply read the chapters listed in parentheses. Record your insights from these chapters on the lines provided. God will bless our reading!

Week of SEPTEMBER 4

Sep 5 KTBN pg 12 *God creates the world* (Genesis 1-2) _____

Sep 6 KTBN pg 14 *The fall into sin* (Genesis 2-3) _____

Sep 7 KTBN pg 16 *The children of Adam & Eve* (Genesis 4) _____

Sep 8 KTBN pg 18 *Noah & the flood* (Genesis 6-9) _____

Sep 9 KTBN pg 22 *God calls Abram* (Genesis 12-13) _____

Week of SEPTEMBER 11

Sep 12 KTBN pg 24 *Abram rescues Lot* (Genesis 13-14) _____

Sep 13 KTBN pg 26 : *God's covenant w/Abram* (Genesis 15 & 17) _____

Sep 14 KTBN pg 28 *Abraham's visitors* (Genesis 18 & 21) _____

Sep 15 KTBN pg 30 *Abraham & Isaac* (Genesis 22) _____

Sep 16 KTBN pg 32 *Isaac & Rebekah* (Genesis 24) _____

Week of SEPTEMBER 18

Sep 19 KTBN pg 34 : *Jacob & Esau* (Genesis 25 & 27) _____

Sep 20 KTBN: pg 36 *Jacob's dream* (Genesis 27-28) _____

Sep 21 KTBN: pg 38 *Jacob's family* (Genesis 29-31) _____

Sep 22 KTBN: pg 40 *Esau forgives Jacob* (Genesis 32-33) _____

Sep 23 KTBN: pg 44 *Joseph's dreams* (Genesis 37) _____

Week of SEPTEMBER 25

Sep 26 KTBN: pg 46 *Joseph in Egypt* (Genesis 39-41) _____

Sep 27 KTBN: pg 48 *Joseph forgives his brothers* (Genesis 42-45) _____

Sep 28 KTBN: pg 50 *Jacob's blessing* Genesis 45-49 _____

Sep 29 KTBN: pg 56 *The birth of Moses* (Exodus 1-2) _____

Sep 30 KTBN: pg 58 *God calls Moses* (Exodus 2-4) _____

Week of OCTOBER 2

Oct 3 KTBN: pg 60 *Moses and the plagues* (Exodus 5-10) _____

Oct 4 KTBN: pg 62 *The Passover* (Exodus 11-13) _____

Oct 5 KTBN: pg 64 *Crossing the Red Sea* (Exodus 14-15) _____

Oct 6 KTBN: pg 66 *God provides manna & quail* (Exodus 16) _____

Oct 7 KTBN: pg 68 *God gives the Law* (Exodus 19-20) _____

September 2022 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 4 9:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion	5 Labor Day	6 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	7 6:00 - 6-7th Grade CONFIRMATION 7:00 - 8-9th Grade CONFIRMATION	8 <i>MISSION Ministry</i> 5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	9	10
11 RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH STUDY - ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP 11:15 - PANCAKE & OMELET BRUNCH	12 	13 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY 6:30 - H.S. YOUTH STUDY	14  5:30 - ADOPT-A-HWY	15 <div data-bbox="1436 553 1814 699" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, September 4th Sunday, September 18th </div>	16	17
18 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH STUDY - ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion	19	20 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	21 10:00 - LWML & WOMEN'S STUDY 5:30 - Leave for AIRMAX	22 6:30 - BUILDING COMMITTEE	23	24 12:30 TRAP SHOOTING (Brats at noon) 
25 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH STUDY - ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP	26	27 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	28 6:00 - 6-7th Grade CONFIRMATION 7:00 - 8-9th Grade CONFIRMATION	29	30	Oct 1
Oct 2 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH STUDY - ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion	Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8
						

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

Sept 4 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Sept 11 Open
 Sept 18 Larry Levin & Chuck Weflen
 Sept 25 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

Sept 4, 11 Joe & Duane
 Sept 18, 25 Steve & Scott

Custodian

Sept Living Word Youth
 Oct Volunteer Needed

PowerPoint Operator

Sept 4
 Sept 11 Will Dahl
 Sept 18 Autumn Foshaug
 Sept 25 Alex Meis
 Oct 2 Kala Miller

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That for a day: I'm pretty sure I only need one more bad decision and then I'll own the whole set.

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Nursery

(Volunteers needed - please talk to Mona H.)

Make A Meal Volunteers

Sep Wendy Robbin
 Oct Pam Johnson

Confirmation Parent Helpers

6-7th Grade:

Sept 7
 Sept 28 Foshaug
 Oct 5 Hjelle

8-9th Grade:

Sept 7 Dahl
 Sept 28 Foshaug
 Oct 5 Meis

Altar Guild

Sept Mona Hjelle
 Oct Mona Hjelle

Accompanying Musicians

Sept 4 Pam Johnson
 Sept 11 Scott Wachter
 Sept 18 Pam Johnson
 Sept 25 Open
 Oct 2 Sharon Willen



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...

- Vacation Bible School
- Jax Michael Maas - Baptized into God's Family

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

Seen on Church Signboards...

**Life Without God Is Like
 an Unsharpened Pencil . . .**

...NO POINT !

September Discipleship Verse...

Jesus said... "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:31

A Minute for Couples...

(from the Prepare-Enrich blog)

5 Common Assumptions that Cause Conflict in Relationships

Miscommunications and misunderstandings often bubble up due to making assumptions about each other. We don't do it intentionally. In fact, most of the time we probably don't even realize we're making assumptions. That's what makes them so tricky – but not if you know what to watch out for. Here are five common assumptions we make about our spouse that cause conflict in marriage.

1. Assuming you know what they mean

When we make assumptions about the meaning behind something our spouse says, there's a chance you could be right. However, there's also a chance that your perception is off. Why? We assign our own meaning to something they say, essentially putting words in their mouth. Then we respond to our meaning, instead of to what they actually said. This, understandably, leads to misunderstandings and conflict. The key thing to work on is responding in a less reactive way, and taking the time to clarify with a simple, "So, let me make sure I understand you correctly..."

2. Assuming what they're responsible for

This one often comes up when something doesn't get done (or gets done twice) because one or both of you made assumptions about who was responsible for what. It's often logistics-based, like who was supposed to pick up the kids or pay that bill. The practical inconvenience along with the personal frustration you feel with each other is a perfect recipe for conflict. The main way to avoid this is by communicating, even (or perhaps especially) when you think something "goes without saying." Taking the time to clarify who is responsible for what with a comment like, "Just making sure I what I'm supposed to do..." can save you from many crossed wires.

3. Assuming their preferences

You probably know your spouse's likes and dislikes pretty well, and vice versa. Whether it's how they take their coffee, the movie genre they avoid, or their favorite way to spend a Saturday morning, catering to your partner's preferences – unasked – can be a sweet way to show your love. But, depending on the situation, it can be good to check with them before making decisions on their behalf. Just like we grow and change as individuals, our preferences can also change. By checking in with them on what they prefer in a specific instance, you don't pigeon-hole them into always wanting a certain thing a certain way.



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That for a day: I'm not sure how many problems I have because math is one of them.

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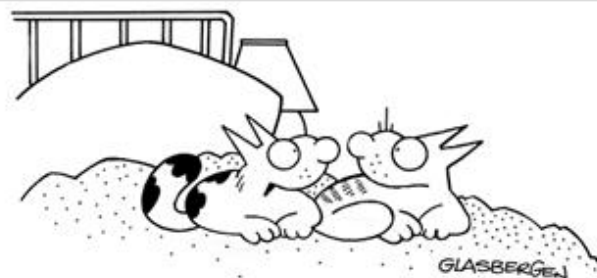
4. Assuming their intentions

Your spouse is late – again! They have a tendency to be late, so you made sure to confirm with them when they needed to be home so you could make it to your parents' anniversary party on time. Your annoyance rises as you watch the minutes go by. You start thinking about how inconsiderate they're being, or maybe they just don't want to spend time with your family. Maybe they're late on purpose for that very reason. Your annoyance begins turning to anger. Just then, your spouse bursts in the door with the cake for the party, saving you a stop – and lots of time. You can't help but feel sheepish. We've all been there. When we assume the worst of our partner's intentions before we have all the facts, it stirs up our negative emotions. We might be ready to lash out unfairly, causing them to be defensive and kicking off an argument. Instead, strive to give them the benefit of the doubt and assume positive intent. (And if you're the one going to be late, call or text to say so!)

5. Assuming what they know (or should know)

Sometimes we think our partner is a mind reader. We assume they know what we want or need, and this often results in unmet expectations! Or we think they (should) know something simply because it seems obvious to us, leading to all kinds of mix-ups, misunderstandings, and arguments. By assertively communicating what you need from your spouse, you not only give them a fair chance to meet that need, you also increase your own satisfaction. Similarly, being intentional about communicating important information – and confirming they've received it – can help you avoid unnecessary fights.

As humans, it's in our nature to make assumptions based on the information we have. In the context of relationships, however, it's important to remember that what we think we know to be true isn't always so. By checking in with your spouse and communicating even when you don't think it's necessary, you can avoid jumping to conclusions and allowing incorrect assumptions to cause conflict.



"Personally, I wouldn't mind at all if God sent a plague of mice to rain down upon the sinners of the modern world."

Email Humor...

HYMNS FOR PROFESSIONALS

- DENTIST: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
- CONTRACTORS: "The Church's One Foundation"
- OBSTETRICIANS: "Come, Labor On"
- GOLFERS: "There is a green hill far away"
- POLITICIANS: "Standing on the Promises"
- LIBRARIANS: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
- LAWYERS: "In the Hour of Trial"
- DRY CLEANERS: "O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink"
- CREDIT CARD USERS: "A Charge to Keep Have I"
- CENSUS TAKERS: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
- TAXATION OFFICERS: "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

OVERHEARD ON NOAH'S ARK

11. "Did anyone think about bringing a couple of umbrellas?"
10. "Hey, there are more that two flies in here!"
9. "I finally get a bass boat and now I have to take the whole family..."
8. "Wasn't someone supposed to put two shovels on board?"
7. "Help! I need some Pepto for the elephants--QUICK!"
6. "OK, who's the wise-guy who brought the mosquitoes on board?"
5. "Don't make me pull this Ark over and come back there!"
4. "No, Ham, you cannot eat the pig!"
3. "And whatever you do, DO NOT pull this plug out."
2. "Nice doggie!"
1. "Are we there yet?"



"Cheer up. Your life isn't meaningless.
God put you on this earth for a purpose...
to buy dog food and clean up after me."

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That for a day: LAZY is such an ugly word. I prefer SELECTIVE PARTICIPATION.

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LWML News...



LWML MEETING:

Wednesday, September 21st 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.

FALL JOYSHOP

at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Granite Falls: Sunday, October 16, 2022. The speaker will be Virginia Flo, from Lutherans For Life, and the ingathering will be for Hope Pregnancy Center in Willmar. More details to follow...



Youth Gathering...

The National Youth Gathering Is In the Rearview Mirror !!!

Please check out the August 14 Worship Service on our YouTube channel (New London Living Word). The Youth Gathering Attendees - both youth and adult chaperones - did a great job of sharing what God had done in their lives through the Gathering!

Youth attending:

Noah Miller,
Levi Miller,
Zoe Rustad,
Lexi Macik
Alison Sarsland.

Chaperones:

Becky Sarsland,
Mike Macik
Jason Miller.

Wanted...

PLAYGROUND TOYS NEEDED

We are in need of replacing some of our playground toys, like hot wheels or other small riding items. Items that are safe and in good working order could be donated or possibly found at garage sales.

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.

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 September Make-a-Meal volunteer - Wendy Robbin, 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. 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

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to Living Word. Use this link to have your purchases support Living Word: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1513306>

Custodian Volunteers Needed.

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

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Thot for a day: Sadly, I do my best proofreading after I hit send.

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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.

Can You Bake Some Cookies ???



We would like to have a freezer "full" of cookies that we can just pull out to serve for an after-worship "Coffee and Cookies" time of fellowship.

You won't have to make the cookies (unless you really want to)! We'll have lots of pre-made, ready-to-bake cookies that you can just pop into the oven here at church on a "Cookie-

Baking Day" (or at your home if you'd rather bake them that way).

We'll send a "Cookie Baking" sign-up around after worship for a couple Sundays - or you can just text or email Pastor and tell him you'd be willing to do some baking. Thanks!

Email Wisdom...

ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM NOAH'S ARK

1. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
2. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
3. Don't listen to the naysayers -- do what has to be done.
4. Build on high ground.
5. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
6. Take care of your animals as if they were the last ones on earth.
7. Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
8. When the doo-doo gets really deep, don't sit there and complain -- shovel!
9. God's only qualification is Willingness. He'll provide the rest.
10. Remember that the woodpeckers INSIDE are often a bigger threat than the storm outside.
11. Don't miss the boat.
12. No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the other side.



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

In the latest newsletter, read about:

- The decision of Dobbs v. Jackson to uphold Mississippi's ban on abortions after 15 weeks and to overrule Roe and Casey;
- The Supreme Court ruling that Maine cannot prohibit parents from using a state tuition assistance program to send their children to religious private schools;
- The results of a lawsuit against a high school football coach in a First Amendment case concerning his right to pray on the field.

Check out the latest Free to Be Faithful Newsletter here:

<https://files.lcms.org/file/preview/738C0FA9-4E66-47DD-BF0C-D3522C94DC57?>

Hinterland Vineyards

Saturday,
August 6th



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Thot for a day: When you're young and drop something, you pick it up. When you're older and drop something, you stare at it for a bit contemplating if you need it anymore.

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Story Behind The Song...

Last month we talked about a song written nearly 150 years ago. This month we jump forward to a song that was written less than a year ago... Released in January of this year, new artist Katy Nichole became a "viral sensation" with her debut song, "In Jesus Name". Katy Nichole's swift trajectory to the top can only be described as one of the fastest ascents in Christian music memory. Smashing records at break-neck speed with the launch of her debut single, "In Jesus Name (God of Possible)," Nichole has become one of the biggest breakout success stories of the past year. Her TikTok hit took home Worship Song of the Year at the 2022 K-LOVE Fan Awards. You can't miss hearing this song if you listen to Christian radio.

Prior to writing "In Jesus Name (God of Possible)," Katy was diagnosed with scoliosis and underwent surgery to straighten her spine, which led to persistent post-surgery pain that sent her into a bedridden mental and emotional spiral. Three years later, Katy went back in for an operation to essentially remove the metal rods and screws that had been placed in her back.

"I go into the second surgery, and I come out of it, and the smoke cloud of depression was gone. I encountered the Lord in that moment," Katy remembers. "When I got my X-rays after surgery, my spine was actually straighter than when the rods had been in it. So when I say that God can do miracles, I mean it, because I've seen it."

Inspired by her miraculous healing and in the midst of a pandemic, the 21-year-old Nichole created the chorus of the song from entries in her prayer journal. She posted it on Tik Tok and in just a few short months the post had been heard more than 80 million times. (See the original post at <https://www.instagram.com/p/CSheOrbhEp6/>) After going viral, Katy went to work with co-writers Ethan Hulse, David Spencer, and Jeff Pardo and re-recorded it as a full single.

K-Love radio was made aware of the viral post and unsolicited, played the song during the afternoon drive show Jan. 31. "Never in the 40-years that KLOVE has been in existence [has this] ever happened before," revealed K-LOVE host Scott Smith before he and co-host Kelli Caldwell aired the song. The full introduction and Katy's raw, emotional excitement was caught on camera and posted to her socials at <https://www.instagram.com/p/CZhWrGzBoDU/>

Momentum quickly built as fans heard the complete song on the radio. It climbed to #1 on Billboard's Hot Christian Songs chart dated March 26, 2022, becoming the first debut single to top the tally since Anne Wilson's "My Jesus" in 2021 and did so in a mere 12 weeks, marking

the fastest trip to the top of any prior female artist in the chart's nearly two-decade history.

Her healing has also emboldened her to be an advocate for others facing health challenges. It's further given her a new direction for her music—and her life. "There's no story that doesn't matter to God. Every story was written by Him, and He's the greatest author of all time," Katy declares. "God's healed me, so I know He can heal someone else. I'm going to share my story and hope it will encourage others to go and share theirs."

Katy's first single is a worshipful anthem ready-made for roomfuls of people to sing. Sharing her unwavering belief in God's ability to heal and the power of prayer, Katy's debut single is connecting with audiences around the world who are looking for healing and restoration in a weary and anxious world.

I speak the name of Jesus over you
In your hurting, in your sorrow
I will ask my God to move
I speak the name 'cause it's all that I can do
In desperation, I'll seek Heaven
And pray this for you

CHORUS:

I pray for your healing
That circumstances would change
I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus name
I pray that a breakthrough would happen today
I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name, in Jesus name

I speak the name of all authority
Declaring blessings, every promise
He is faithful to keep
I speak the name no grave could ever hold
He is greater, He is stronger
He's the God of possible

CHORUS

Come believe it Come receive it
Oh, the power of His Spirit is now forever yours
Come believe it Come receive it
In the mighty name of Jesus, all things are possible

I pray for your healing
That circumstances will change
I pray that the fear inside will flee in Jesus name

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That for a day: The more you weigh the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe. Eat cake.

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I pray that a breakthrough
Would happen today
I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name
I pray for revival
For restoration of faith
I pray that the dead will come alive in Jesus name
In Jesus name

Editor's note: Watch the official video at
<https://youtu.be/ihrUIPfvTh8>

This month's bonus music video was released about 2 months ago.
"The Lord's Prayer" by Matt Maher... wish we could do the Lord's
Prayer like this in church :) <https://youtu.be/36hBIBGVFs>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

*I am sure you two dressed this way on
Earth every Sunday.. BUT we have a
dress code up here.*

