

July 2023 Newsletter

"Communicating the Love of Jesus" Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

# Living Word Lutheran Church

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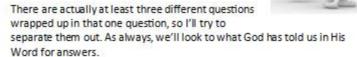
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# Questions for Pastor...

### I don't understand why Jesus would die for us?

This is a question from one of our recent confirmands. I'm guessing it's a question many more of us have pondered a time or two.



### "Why" as in "What motivated Him to do it?"

The answer to God's motivation for sending Jesus to die, and for Jesus to actually make the sacrifice is pretty easy to find.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Love is was the motivation for Jesus dying for us! That kind of unconditional love may be hard to understand, but thank God for it!

### "Why?" as in "What was the purpose for which He died?"

2 Corinthians 5:19 "In Christ Godwas reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them,"

Sin separates us from our sinless God. In order to restore that broken relationship (reconcile the two separated parties), Jesus took our punishment in our place, so that our sin could be "wiped off the books."

### "Why" as in "Why did HE have to do it?

Hebrews 7:23-28: Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; 24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he

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always lives to intercede for them.

26 Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

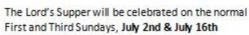
In other words, Jesus was the only one who could take our punishment for sin, because He alone is sinless. It makes sense that one guilty person can't take the punishment for another guilty person, because the first guilty person has his own punishment to serve. Only someone who is not guilty can serve a sentence for a guilty person.

I hope you found those answers helpful. And, of course, the response Jesus is looking for from us is to (as Martin Luther said) "Thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

> Thanks for asking! Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

# Communion Notes...





### Reminders:

- 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.
- 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.



### Summer Worship Time: 9:00 a.m.

Began Memorial Weekend and runs through Labor Day Weekend (September 3rd)

# Opportunities for Growth...



### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Is on break for the summer. Join us at 9:00 for worship and fellowship afterwards.

### Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Does not meet during summer. (Next study: September 13)

### Evening Women's Study

Is on Summer Break

### Men's Study

Is on Summer Break, but ... Everyone is encouraged to join us for a meal and devotion prior to our trap shooting evenings - even if you don't shoot!

# Building Committee News...



### Living Word Building-Feasibility Study

Thank you to those who have already participated! There is still time if you haven't yet returned your study!

Every household should have received a letter inviting you to participate in a feasibility study survey. The study will assess our capability to move forward with a capital campaign to fund Phase II of our building project to construct a new sanctuary.

If you have not yet participated, please do so as soon as possible by completing the survey and mailing it back or visiting www.markdawassoc.com/livingword

We will share our results and next steps with the congregation within the next couple of months.

OUR NEXT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING: WITH MICHAEL DAVY on THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

## "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-

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!!

July 31 – August 3, 2023 Monday – Thursday 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. (supper provided)

We will explore the Genesis story of Joseph:

\*Faith in Family
\*Faith in Bad Times
\*Faith in God's Leading
\*Faith that Continues to Grow
We can have faith in God loving us and He will never leave us!

Need more information?? Contact Mona Hjelle 212-0069

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### Fmail Wisdom

Advice from Will Rogers If you're not sure who he is, Google it:)

- Everything is funny, as long as it's happening to somebody else.
- If I could kick the person in the tail who causes me the most problems, I could not sit down for a week.
- . If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.



- Even when you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.
- . Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like.
- I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.
- Things will get better despite our efforts to improve them.
- . The man who never makes a mistake must get tired of doing noth-
- You know horses are smarter than people. You never heard of a horse going broke betting on people.
- Worrying is like paying on a debt that may never come due.

- From AZQuotes.com

Note from Editor: I just have to add my favorite Will Rogers quote... "There are three kinds of men. The one that learns by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves. "

### A Reminder to Wear Your "Living Word" Sweatshirts (and caps)





Not only are they warm (and look really "cool") but they could also be a conversation starter when people ask things like, "And where is Living Word located?"

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# I WML News...

LWML will not meet in June, July and August. Our next meeting and bible study will be Wednesday, September 13th.



### SHOES FOR MISSIONS:



A huge thank you to all who have donated! This is fund-raiser for Lutheran Island Camp. Please continue to bring your good used shoes, slippers, or boots to church. Collection tote is in the entry of the church.

### LWML has Camp Scholarships

\$25 / Attendee (ages 8-14)

Please contact Bonnie Hansen at 796-5605 (LWML treasurer) for details.

If you would like more information on Lutheran Island Camp and the weekly camps (dates, cost, etc.) that are offered in 2023, there are brochures available at church, or

Find out more about camp at: www.islandcamp.org



A place where the weather is perfect and neighbors

never complain about my music..."

# Mark Your Calendars...

### Mission & Ministry Team

Note: Change of Meeting Date This Month Thursday, July 6 @ 6:30 p.m. Elders' Team @ 5:30 prior to MMT



### **Building Committee Meeting**

June 29 @ 6:30

# Congregational Outreach...

Stingers Game: Sunday, July 23

Live Music @ 2:30

Picnic @ 4:05

Game @ 5:05



### Big Kahuna: Thursday, July 27

5:00 - 8:00

Includes 2 Tickets, Pop and Pizza

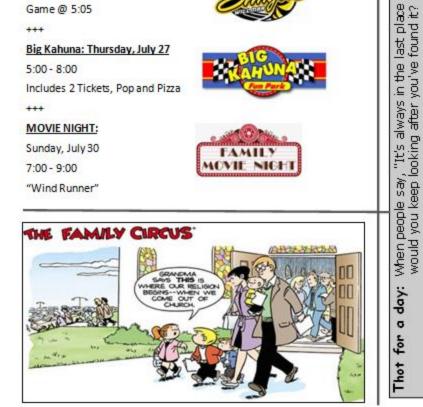
### MOVIE NIGHT:

Sunday, July 30

7:00 - 9:00

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# Trap Shooting Fellowship 2023...

Wednesdays in July:

- July 12
- July 26

Brats, hot dogs and devotion @ 6:00

Shooting @ 6:30

Please join us - and bring a friend!



# Confirmation News...

 July Bible Study at Pastor & Violet's for those confirmed on April 30. Wednesday, July 5 & 19 @ 6:30



July Fun Outing - Big Kahuna (July 27@ 5-8:00 p.m.) 2 Tickets, Pop & Pizza (additional tickets are \$6)

# Youth Events...

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:

Attend the CIY "Move" Event July 24-29 in Salisbury Maryland.



Please keep them in your prayers for God to work in their lives through the event!

### STUDY FOR THOSE CONFIRMED THIS YEAR:

6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, July 5 & 19 at Pastor & Violet's home (5126 Co. Rd. 40 NE, New London)

# Choir News...



Starts again this fall.

# A Minute for Couples...

(from the Prepare-Enrich blog)
The "Do's and "Don'ts of Disappointment"

Disappointment is pretty much a part of life.

Maybe you're disappointed in a movie you had high hopes for or in the way your homemade cheesecake turned out. You might feel displeased for a short period of time, but it's nothing you'll lose sleep over. Other times, disappointment can run deeper, such as when someone you love – like your spouse – lets you down in a way that feels significant and personal. In these situations, you may not get over it so quickly. So what should you do?

Let's run down some of the do's and don'ts of experiencing disappointment in your marriage.

### When you're disappointed in your spouse...

DO reflect on your own role in feeling disappointed. Disappointment usually stems from unmet expectations, so take time to assess whether your own expectations might be fueling your disappointment. Were they too high or unreasonable? Were they unclear or not communicated to your spouse? Be willing to take some responsibility if any of these were the case. You might still feel disappointed, and that's okay. You can't always control your feelings, but you can think about how you might adjust your expectations to help you avoid disappointment in the future.

DON'T bottle up your frustration. This can turn to resentment, which can cause more problems down the road. Instead, try to communicate your feelings respectfully, going into it with a mindset of sharing your perspective versus blaming or attacking. Keep in mind, you can share your feelings while also owning up to your own contribution to the problem. This might sound like, "I'm disappointed that we didn't get to spend much downtime together this weekend, but I also didn't tell you I was needing that, so that's my fault."

### When your spouse is disappointed in you...

DO acknowledge their feelings. Even though it's likely you had no intention of letting them down, their feelings are real. Take a step back from the situation and try to empathize with your spouse's perspective. Taking the empathetic path can help you and your spouse maintain a team mindset, instead of devolving into a "you versus them" dynamic.

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DON'T get immediately defensive. It's a natural instinct to protect ourselves when we're confronted with the fact that we may have fallen short, but try not to lash out or shift blame as an automatic response. Instead, hear out what your spouse has to say, focus on sharing your own perspective using "I" statements, and take responsibility for any way in which you might have contributed to the situation. This might sound like, "I hear your disappointment. I didn't realize you had planned to relax together this weekend, but I should have checked in with you before making other plans."

### When you're disappointed in yourself...

DO share your struggles with your spouse. Even if your selfdisappointment stems from something that happened in your marriage, working through it together is better than trying to navigate it alone. You might find they are also struggling with guilt over the way a situation was handled between the two of you, or they may be able to ease your mind and help you move forward.

DON'T expect perfection. Sometimes we have a tendency to be our own biggest critic. Remember that everyone makes mistakes, and that includes you and your spouse. While reflecting on the past can help you learn and grow, dwelling on how you've messed up can often prevent that from happening. You can't change what's already happened, but you can choose to learn from the situation and move on in a productive way.

Disappointment in marriage is bound to arise. In the moment it can feel like things are going wrong or you're failing in some way, but this usually isn't the case. You're both human – you'll make mistakes, hold faulty expectations, and miscommunicate – it's all part of a close relationship. When you learn to handle it productively and work through it together, it becomes a great opportunity to get recalibrated and aligned on an issue before it becomes a bigger problem.



Some days I amaze myself. Other days I put my keys in t

That for a day:

# Miscellaneous Notes...

### Food Pantry Reminder

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



### Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

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

- Some of Elaine Abraham's books and doilies!
- July Newsletters
- July-September Portals of Prayer
- Extra batteries from our outreach (please pick some up for your family, friends and neighbors)

# VIDEO SERMONS ▶

### WATCH ONLINE

### Recorded videos of Sermons

Sermons can be found in on our Living Word YouTube channel (New London Living Word) at

### https://www.youtube.com/@newlondonlivingword8097/streams

- June 4 "An important lesson on Praise from an unlikely source: Jehoshaphat"
- June 11 "Words are powerful Both God's and Ours"
- June 18 "A lesson on Encouragement from Barnabas" (We're very sorry, we didn't get this one recorded!)
- June 25 "Everyone knows what we're against. People need to know what we are 'for'!"

### 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" fiver are available from the church office.

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### Page 13 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!

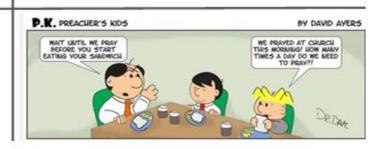
### Please Remember to Pray At 11:09 Every day

(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:

- Asking God for continued good weather for the growing season.
- Asking God's guidance in completing the Building Study Questionnaire
- Thanking God for the freedom to attend worship
- Our CIY Youth Gathering Attendees!
- Thanking God for His love sending Jesus to die to set us free from sin!
- Thanking God for our Freedom (and all who serve to keep us free)!
- Asking God to provide safe travel for all who are vacationing
- Thanking God for those elected in June to serve on our MMT.
- Thanking God that His Word is Truth amidst the lies of the world.
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Asking God for faith to stand for His Truth like Daniel's 3 friends did!
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Asking God to humble you, seek Him and repent (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for government leaders
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan.

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# July 2023 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion 10:15 - FELLOWSHIP	3	HAPPY **	6:30 9-10TH GRADER'S STUDY @ Pastor & Violet's	6 Mission Ministry 5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	7	8
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# July 2023 - Daily Readings

Our Summer Devotion Readings this month begin by finishing lessons Jesus taught using parables. We end with lessons learned from miracles Jesus performed. Pastor records the readings (along with devotions based on the readings). If you would like to receive these audio recordings daily, just email him: pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Week of		JULY 2	PARABLES FROM HOLY WEEK						
ly 3	Parable of La	borers in the Vi	neyard - Matthew 20:1-16						
y 4	Parable of The Two Sons - Matthew 21:28-32								
y 5	Parable of The Tenant Farmers - Matthew 21:33-45								
y 6	Parable of the Marriage Feast - Matthew 22:1-14								
ly 7	Parable of Th	e Ten Virgins -	Matthew 25:1-13						
	ek of	.3.783.00	ARABLES ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS						
	Parable of Servants Walting for Master - Luke 1235-40								
y 12	Parable of Building a Tower - Luke 14:28-33								
y 13	Parable of Unworthy Servants - Luke 17:7-10								
y 14	Parable of the Doorkeeper - Mark 13:32-37								
	Week of	JULY 16	MORE PARABLES ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS						

July 18	Parable of Seats at a Feast - Luke 14:7-14 '							
July 19	Parable of New Cloth and Wineskins - Luke 5:36-39							
July 20	Parable of a Fig Tree - Matthew 24:32-35							
July 21	Parable of the Sheep and Goats - Matthew 25:31-46							
We	ek of JULY 23 MIRACLES IN JOHN'S GOSPEL							
July 24	Water into Wine - John 21-11							
July 25	5000 People Fed - John 6:5-13							
July 26	Blind Man Healed - John 9:1-41							
July 27	Lazarus Raised from the Dead John 11:1-46							
July 28	Miraculous Catch of Fish (a second time!)							
We	ek of JULY 30 MIRACLES IN MARK'S GOSPEL							
Aug 1	Healing the Paralytic - Mark 2:1-12							
Aug 2	Healing Two Men with Demons Mark 5:1-20							
Aug 3	Jairus' Daughter and Woman with Bleeding - Mark 5:22-43							
Aug 4	Healing a Man with a Speech Impediment - Mark 7:32-37							
Aug 5	Healing a Boy with an Unclean Spirit - Mark 9:14-27							

# Upcoming Schedules...

### After-Worship Fellowship

Began May 28

We will have coffee / water

and cookies at 10:15 after worship during the summer.

Please join us when you can!



### Usher Schedule

July 2 Wendy & Lonny Robbin July 9 Jason & Levi Miller July 16 Larry Levin Volunteers needed

July 23 Volunteers needed July 30

### USHERS NEEDED

Since we have resumed gathering the offerings during worship, we are in need of more ushers to help with that. Please sign up at church if you could take a turn once ever month or so. Thanks!

### Scripture Readers

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

### Elders

July 2.9 Steve and Scott July 16, 23 & 30 Duane and [Open]

### Custodian

July - Pam Johnson & Linda Van Meter

( Volunteers needed - please talk to Mona H.)

### Altar Guild

Mona Hjelle

### Accompanying Musicians

July 2 Sharon Willen

July 9 Sharon Willen

July 16 Scott Wachter

July 23 Pam Johnson

July 30 Scott Wachter

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# THANK GOD FOR ... AN AWESOME PLAYGROUND 1

# Thank God For...

You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For ... "

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 June we thanked God for...

- Ribs
- Dads
- Summer
- Summer Rain

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

# Seen on Church Signboards...

# **JESUSAVES**

# July Discipleship Verse...

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last-and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

John 15:16

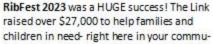
### Note:

Our Discipleship Verses for the next six months will be the verses that our Confirmands chose as their Confirmation Verse on April 30. This month we have Autumn Foshaug's verse.

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# The Link...

June 2023 Updates



nity! The weather was perfect and the turn-out was amazing! Thank you to all who came out to support The Link during it's biggest fundraiser of the year! We couldn't have done it without you!

The Link

Best of the Best!!! The Link and Community Revival Boutique and Thrift. were voted "Runner-Up" for Best of the Best 2023! We are humbled and grateful for all of the support!

Deb Ostlund has been hired for the new Support Staff position! Deb worked for over 24 years for Kandiyohi County. She has 2 adult daughters and has lived in the NL-S/Willmar area for many years- so she is very familiar with the community! She shares our love to serve others and we are excited to have her join the team! Stop in and introduce yourself if you're in the neighborhood!

Volunteer Opportunities: If you or someone you know would like to be a part of The Link's mission and volunteer at the Community Revival Boutique and Thrift, we are looking for extra help on-call and on a consistent basis (mostly Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays). Our store hours are 10-3 Wednesday-Friday and 10-2 Saturdays. Our current volunteers are amazing and have a great time together building friendships. The Food Pantry is also looking for volunteers to help serve families and to help pick up food rescue food from Cashwise and ALDI (Food Rescue is picked up on Monday's). If you'd like to join the fun, call Shawna at 320-347-1047 or Ashlev at 320-354-5465.

In May, The Link was able to serve 10 families with common household needs with our Household Exchange Program. The Household Exchange program takes in donations such as smaller furniture, bedding, towels, kitchen utensils, pots and pans etc. to provide families when they are getting back on their feet.

The Food Pantry continues to see an increase in need and served 124 households in May (including: 200 adults, 108 children and 35 seniors) and distributed a total of 6000.1 pounds of food. The need of food has increased significantly the past couple months, requiring The Link to increase their food budget to meet the needs of the people served.

The Wildcat Backpack Program finished up the school year serving 93 children weekly at NL-S. Each week, students from the NL-S High School pack bags to each school to ensure our students nutritional needs are

Page 20 Page 21 met on the weekends. Summer packs will be available for families if they stop in at The Link and request them. If you know a family that could benefit from this program, please have them call Ashley at 320-354-5555 or Vicki Mickelson at NIS schools at 320-354-2252 ext. 2607.

The Link's Client Outreach program served 10 families in May by helping with transportation, medical bills, utility bills and rental payments. This program also provided advocacy for 7 families, In-depth budgeting support for 10 families, networking for 8 families and provided 10 families with referrals for additional assistance to meet basic needs.

Tuesday's Table's schedule is as follows: 1st Tuesday of the month: Our Lady of the Lakes (Spicer), 2nd Tuesday: Evangelical Covenant (New London), 3rd Tuesday: Faith Lutheran (Spicer), 4th Tuesday: Peace Lutheran (New London), 5th Tuesday: Rotating (call 320-354-5555 for more information).

As always, a HUGE THANK YOU to those who have donated food and/or monetarily and to those who have prayed for and with us here at The Link! With the increased need for food and in client outreach, we are asking for your continued support- financially and prayerfully.

### 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.

# Spring Voter's Meeting...

held after worship on June 4 re-elected Steve Wulf as Treasurer.

Open positions that were filled by Mission and Ministry Team appointment:

> Chairman Joe Johnson Christian Growth - Sunday School Mona Hielle Congregational Outreach-Marcia Welsh

Positions that remain open

Vice Chair Elders (two):

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# Opportunities to Serve...

### Help With Our Nursery

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

### 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.

### Custodian Volunteers Needed.

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

We are still in need of volunteers for any month from October—December Talk to our Trustee, Lonnie Robbin, to sign up or find out more details.



# 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

On our last "Make-a-Meal Day" we made 20 more meals you can take to someone who needs.

We are in need of someone to coordinate a Meal-Making Day in July. If you could be that person, please talk to Marcia Welsh. Thanks!



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# Host Families Needed for Foreign Exchange Students...

We need families - anywhere in America (so tell your friends and relatives) - who can host foreign exchange students!

### Basic Requirements:

Your family doesn't have to be perfect, but it does need to be safe and loving! The student needs a clean bed and three meals per day. They can share a room with a sibling that is within four years of their age, or they can have their own room. Students come with their own spending money and insurance.

Please, consider opening your heart and home to welcome a great student from another country. They are interested in learning about American culture and improving their English. Students are ages 14 to 17 when they arrive in America! I know from experience, this is an opportunity that will be remembered forever!

Please, call Lori Sherod at 320-305-2495 or sherodlori@gmail.com to start the process!



# CHRISTMAS IN JUNE ???

June is a great month to purchase items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!

(Plus, if you buy stuff now, that's one less thing for your "Christmas To Do" list later in the year!

# Congratulations...

Daryl and Katie Wendroth on the birth of Baby Daryl !!!
 Please email <u>pastor@livingwordlutheran</u> if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

That for a day: An apology is the best way

the last word

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# Email Humor...

### From the "You Can't Make This Stuff Up!" Department:

- I used to work at the local government offices. I kept all my papers
  in a briefcase. One day I absentmindedly left it in a common area. I
  went back to where I had left it but it wasn't there. I eventually
  found out that the caretaker had it. He told me, "I thought it might
  be a bomb so I took it to my office."
- I'm a professor at a university in Georgia. This semester, two students misspelled THEIR OWN NAMES. Another student could not find his way out of the building. He thought the doors marked EXIT would set off the fire alarm.

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### Top 10 Reasons Farm Trucks Are Never Stolen

[From the Feb. 2000 issue of The Farmer-Stockman.]

- They have a range of about 20 miles before they overheat, breakdown or run out of gas.
- Only the owner knows how to operate the door to get in or out.
- It is hard to drive fast with all the fence tools, grease rags, ropes, chains, syringes, buckets, boots and loose papers in the cab.
- It takes too long to start and the smoke coming up through the rusted-out floorboard clouds your vision.
- The Border Collie on the toolbox looks mean.
- They're too easy to spot. The description might go something like this: The driver's side door is red, the passenger side door is green, the right front fender is yellow, etc.
- 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.
- Top speed is only about 45 mph.
- Who wants a truck that needs a year's worth of maintenance, ujoints, \$3,000 in body work, tail-lights and windshield.
- 1. It is hard to commit a crime with everyone waving at you.

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# Page 25 Baby Shower for Baby Daryl Wendroth

"Thanks for the great gifts and for those who came to the baby shower! Your kindness is appreciated!

Daryl and Katie



# Story Behind The Song...

I Love To Tell The Story

"I Love to Tell the Story" was part of a lengthy fifty-stanza two-part poem, The Old, Old Story, written by Katherine Hankey (1834-1911). If you know this old hymn, you may have been captivated by its simplicity as it declares the composer's faith in Jesus. The words, full of evangelistic zeal, carry the hearer to the heart of the gospel.

Arabella Katherine Hankey was born in Clapham, England, in 1834. She was the daughter of a wealthy London banker and a devotedly Christian mother. Called Kate by her friends, she and her father belonged to an evangelical group led by William Wilberforce known as the Clapham Sect. The group, comprised of prominent evangelicals from the Clapham area, included several members of Parliament. They opposed slavery and the slave trade and had a great influence in abolishing both in England. Motivated by their Christian beliefs, they worked for social reform for the working class and fairness for all. They supported missionary and Bible societies and published evangelistic pamphlets and journals.

Katherine gave herself to helping better workers' conditions, taught Bible classes for shop girls, and visited the sick in hospitals. While still a teenager, Katherine organized and taught in London's Sunday Schools.

Inspired by the Methodistrevival of John Wesley, her evangelistic fervor prompted her to travel to South Africa as a missionary nurse and

# \* for a day: If you see me talking to myself, just move having a meeting.

help her invalid brother.

However, Hankey's tireless work for the Lord took a drastic turn in her early thirties. She became severely ill. Katherine remained bedridden for a long time. While she convalesced, she wrote a lengthy poem on the life of Christ. The first section, composed of 50 verses, gave us the hymn "Tell Me the Old, Old Story", It was titled The Story Wanted. The second section, titled The Story Told, brought forth the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story".

Katherine herself wrote music for both of the hymns. They never gained popularity with those tunes.

In 1867, the text of "I Love to Tell the Story" was read at a large YMCA gathering in Montreal, Dr. W. H. Doane, the composer of more than 2,000 songs (including some of Fanny Crosby's hymns), heard it and put the words to music.

The tune and refrain as we know them today are credited to William G. Fisher in 1869. Fisher became a popular conductor for revival meetings and choral programs. He composed some 200 Sunday school and gospel songs. He also conducted a 1,000-voice choir for Dwight L. Moody and Ira D. Sanky.

In Katherine's later years, she became too old to go out into the streets to dedare the gospel. She continued proclaiming its message in another way. Katherine organized Bible classes in the local prisons toward the end of her life. She never guit telling the old, old story until she died at age 77 in 1911.

Katherine's life and the hymn she wrote can still instruct us today. The title begs us to examine, "Do we love to tell the story?" The simple story of Jesus' love for us overflows to declare the true gospel to the world.

I love to tell the story of unseen things above. Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love: I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story.

> 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams; I love to tell the story, it did so much for me.

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And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat, What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet: I love to tell the story, for some have never heard The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest; And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long

### Note from the editor:

My favorite version of this hymn is from a local Minnesota boy. Chris Rupp, Chris is from Mankato and went to college at Gustavus Adolphus at St Peter. He is probably best know for being the founding member (with his brother) of the a cappella group, Home Free. This a cappella version of the hymn is presented by Chris singing all the parts himself... https://youtu.be/OPtzKT-JLw0



