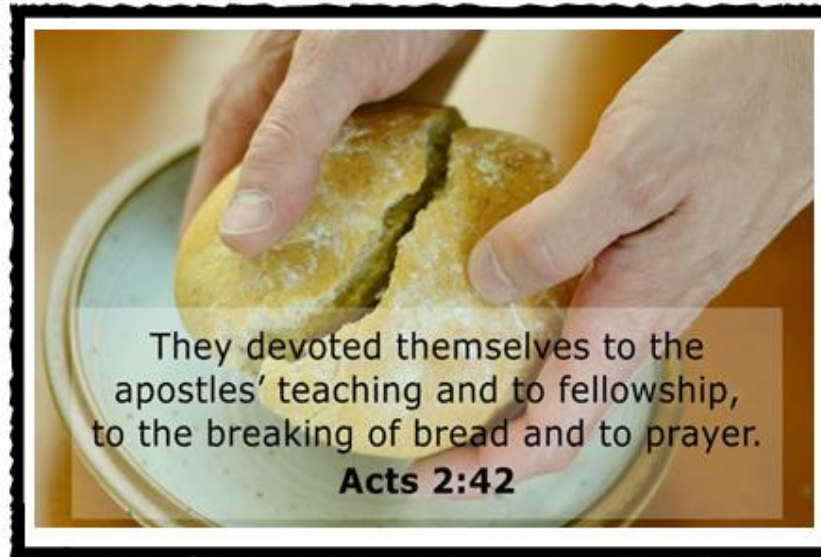


  
**Living Word**  
**Lutheran Church**  
LCMS



**June 2024 Newsletter**

**"Communicating the Love of Jesus"**

**Summer Hours:  
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.**

# Living Word Lutheran Church

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## Questions for Pastor...

What is the "unforgivable sin." ?



In our daily devotions not long ago we read this passage from 1 John 5:16-17 16

If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. **There is a sin that leads to death.** I am not saying that you should pray about that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

Jesus also referred to this sin in Matthew 12:

And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 **Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.**

It seems odd that there is a sin that can't be forgiven. I mean Jesus died to take the punishment for all sins. When God raised Him from the grave that was His stamp of "Paid in Full" on all sins.

So, what is this sin against the Holy Spirit, the sin that leads to death? And what puts it into the category of "unforgivable?" To answer that we simply need to look at the Holy Spirit's main "job": Bringing people to trust in Jesus for their forgiveness and eternal life. If a person persists in rejecting the Spirit's work to create that trust, they are, in effect, saying, "I don't want your forgiveness!" So, it's unforgivable because the forgiveness is rejected. The forgiveness is there, like a package placed on your doorstep. But if you send the package back and say that you don't need it, God won't force you to accept His forgiveness.

One final, really important, thing. If you are worried about committing the sin against the Holy Spirit, you can rest assured that you haven't. Those who reject the Holy Spirit's work, couldn't care less about doing it.

Thanks for asking  
Pastor David

## In Memory Of...

New Trees  
Donated in Memory of  
Will and Harry Dahl



Maple



Flowering Crab



Summer Worship Time:  
9:00 a.m.  
Begins Memorial Weekend  
Sunday, May 26  
(And runs through Labor Day  
Weekend)

## Thank You...

Prayer of thanks to everyone who prayed, encouraged, and showed kindness during my mom Janet Towner's nursing home move and upon her death.

Much appreciated!  
Tammy Miller

If you have someone you'd like to thank, please email [webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net)



## Email Humor...

### Red Skelton Quotes

- All men make mistakes, but married men find out about them sooner.
- Old age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
- I've put on a lot of weight... I only weighed six and a half pounds when I was born.
- Television: The device that brings into your living room characters you would never allow in your living room.
- My doctor said I look like a million dollars - green and wrinkled.
- Recipe for a happy marriage: My wife and I always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.



## Smoke-Detector Battery Outreach...



We Have LOTS of Batteries left from Our Annual Smoke-Detector Battery Giveaway

A great time to change your smoke detector battery is when you change your clocks on March 10th.

Please take some from the "Free Stuff" Table for your family and friends!

## Community Outreach...

We are looking for people interested in organizing and helping with a Living Word float in the...

**New London Waterdays Parade**  
Saturday July 20th

Contact: Tammy Miller  
(320) 905-2434



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That for a day: The MAGI were the most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

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## Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in June on the normal **First and Third Sundays (2nd & 16th)**



### 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.



## Pastor is Planning a Membership Class...

Please talk to him if you are interested in finding out about membership at Living Word.

## 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 May we thanked God for...

- **Moms**
- **Gage Dahl - Our NL-S Grad**
- **All EMS Workers**
- **All Who Gave Their Lives for Our Country**

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

## "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-VvIIEU22yCYxbhwjg/featured>



## Youth Events...

### 11-12th Grade YOUTH:

11-12th Grade Bible Study group meets every other week.



### 7-8th Grade Youth

Will meet once in June for our foosball tournament!

Planning has begun for attending...

As of now we have 8 youth planning to attend.

Gathering Date: July 19—23, 2025

Youth, 14-19 years of age by the Gathering Date



**Current fundraiser:** Mr. B's Chocolate orders brought in \$1300. Thanks to everyone who ordered.

## Roseville Zoo Trip...



## Simple Ways to Give Your Spiritual Life a Lift...

### Read Prayers from the Bible

(Or listen to Pastor read them.)

He will text or email you a link to each day's recording)

You'll find the readings listed on our Daily Readings page

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Thot for a day: Most people don't think I'm old until they heard me stand up.

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## Opportunities for Growth...



### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Is on Summer Break.  
Will resume in September

### Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Is on Summer Break—Next Study will be September 11th.



### Men's Study

Switches to  
Every-other Wednesday For the Summer  
(Beginning June 12)  
6:30 (Come at 6:00 for food)



## LWML News...

LWML will not meet in June, July, or August.

Our next meeting and Bible study, will be Wednesday, September 11th, at 10:00 a.m., at church



### 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 NORTH DISTRICT 31st BIENNIAL CONVENTION** "Walking as Children of Light" will be held at Cragun's Resort and Convention Center June 3-5, 2024. KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Katie Schuermann "Light In The Lord". There will also be BREAKOUT SESSIONS, BIBLE STUDY, MITES IN ACTION, SPEAKERS, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP, ENTERTAINMENT, A MITE WALK, and SINGING. **Pam Johnson, and Marcia Welsh will be attending, as delegates from our LWML society.** For more information visit LWML MN NORTH DISTRICT at [www.lwmlmn.org](http://www.lwmlmn.org)



## 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 :

- Kid's books
- June Newsletters
- July Portals of Prayer
- Smoke Detector batteries

### 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>

May 5	"We Have Seen the Enemy - And He is Us!"
May 12	"THE Parable About God"
May 19	"Some of the Things the Holy Spirit Does For Us"
May 26	"God is Holy. What does that mean for us?"

### 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.

### Offering Envelopes Are Still Available for 2024

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



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That for a day: My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them you just wait.

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## Mark Your Calendars...

### Mission & Ministry Team

Thursday, June 13th @ 6:30 p.m.  
Elders' Team @ 5:30 prior to MMT

### Building Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 4th @ 5:30 p.m. (Prior to Men's Study)

## Upcoming Fellowship Outings...



### Celebrate Birthdays

We will celebrate June Birthdays  
at **McMillan's in Willmar**  
Tuesday, June 11th @ 11:00

### June Supper-Fellowship Outing:

Thursday, June 27th—6:00  
@ Padua Pub in Padua



## Trap-Shooting Fellowship 2024...

Kicks off :

Wednesday, June 5 @ 6:00 p.m.



We'll have brats, hot dogs and a devotion @ 6:00  
and start shooting @ 6:30

Then, every other Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

June through August

- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| • June 19 | • July 31   |
| • July 3  | • August 14 |
| • July 17 | • August 28 |

## Building Committee Update...

The committee is looking into the feasibility of attaching the new sanctuary to the front (west side) of the existing building in order to be able to provide overflow seating for large services. Please continue to pray for God's guidance for them!

## Email Inspiration...

### God's Baseball Team...

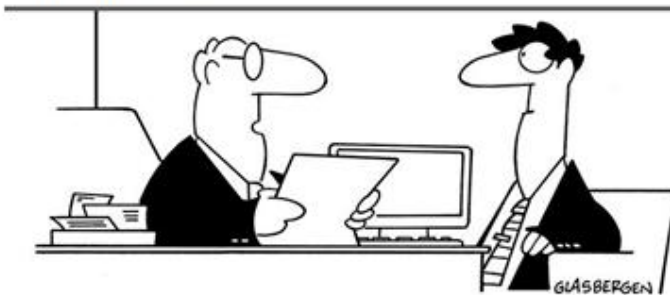
Bob and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate whose name was Love. Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single because Love never fails.

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love. The next batter up was named Godly wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: Ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked because Godly wisdom never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were loaded. The Lord then turned to Bob and told him He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Bob said, "He sure doesn't look like much!" Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace.

Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen. But Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; then it continued over the fence for a home run!

The Lord's team won. The Lord then asked Bob if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base but could not win the game. Bob answered that he did not know why. The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, faith and wisdom will get you on base,...but only My Grace can get you home. My Grace is the one thing Satan cannot steal.



"It says on your résumé that you were created in God's image. Very impressive."

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**That for a day:** On HGTV, people can flip a whole house in a month. Meanwhile, I've been "getting ready to vacuum" for a week now.

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## Save The Date for...



**August 19-22**

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**"A Walk With Jesus"**



Sunday School Students Presented:

**"The Armor of God"**

After completing five weeks of lessons on Ephesians 6

## Confirmation News

Remember to check the "PowerPoint Clicker" schedule, and catch up on your Sermon Notes.





## A Minute for Couples...

(from the Prepare-Enrich blog)

A great sense of humor often ranks near the top of the list of desirable traits in a potential spouse. And for good reason – who doesn't want to be married to someone who will keep you in stitches throughout your marriage? Not only that, but humor can help you maintain a positive perspective during challenging situations or seasons of life, making your relationship more resilient. In other words, your marriage will be better equipped to handle the unpredictability that life throws your way.

And that's not all! Making a point to laugh can also create a more peaceful dynamic in your marriage. Here's how humor leads to harmony:

### 1. It helps you avoid unnecessary fights.

Sometimes during an interaction with your spouse, you come to sort of a tipping point. You know that saying the wrong thing – whether it's a sarcastic comment, snide comeback, or just the irresistible urge to have the last word – will lead you down the path of an argument. If you find yourselves in this situation, and you're able to avoid giving into that urge, opting for some humor can be the perfect antidote – just be sure your partner will think it's funny, too. A self-deprecating joke can lower defenses and lighten the mood. Or try throwing out something so random and silly that your partner can't help but break down and laugh. It's just the switch up you need to steer yourselves away from a big fight.

### 2. It tones down annoyance.

Most couples annoy each other from time to time. Whether it's those irksome little habits that drive you nuts or the personality traits that tend to get on your nerves, you often have a choice for how to handle this irritation. You could choose some critical words or a snippy comment, or you could choose humor, which has a way of softening things. When you try to see the funny side of your spouse's annoying habits, it can help you think of them as more endearing than exasperating. Being able to poke a little fun at each other – and yourselves – keeps things light. You might even find you develop some great inside jokes out of this, creating shared meaning you can bond over.

### 3. It fosters friendship.

As many researchers have found, having a true friendship with your spouse contributes to relationship longevity. Laughing together cultivates a sense of fun and playfulness, which is so important in fostering that sense of friendship between you. When your friendship is strong, your interactions are more likely to be warm and loving, even during challenging or stressful times. This creates a positive cyclical



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That for a day: RECEPTIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of service – led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

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effect that reverberates throughout your relationship.

### 4. It helps reduce negative emotions.

Whether you had a horrible day at work, are hitting roadblocks during a super stressful home repair, or experiencing chaos with the kids while traveling for family vacation, it's natural for negative emotions to sometimes get the best of you. When you're feeling stressed out, overstimulated, or overwhelmed you might end up taking it out on your spouse, even though that's not your intention. In those moments, taking a deep breath and choosing to see the situation through a humorous lens can help keep things in perspective and prevent things from turning sour between you.

They say laughter is the best medicine, and while it can't solve all of your marital problems, it definitely doesn't hurt! Not only does humor contribute to an enduring relationship, it can also make the journey itself more harmonious – and that's no joke!

## More Email Humor...

**WHAT IS A CAT?** (According to a man)

- Cats do what they want.
- They rarely listen to you.
- They are totally unpredictable.
- When you want to play, they want to be alone.
- When you want to be alone, they want to play.
- They expect you to cater to their every whim.
- They are moody.
- They leave hair everywhere.
- They drive you nuts and cost an arm and a leg.



**CONCLUSION:** They are tiny women in fur coats.





**WHAT IS A DOG?** (According to a woman)

- Dogs lie around all day, sprawled on the most comfortable piece of furniture in the house.
- They can hear a package of food opening half a block away, but they don't hear you when you are in the same room.
- They growl when they are not happy.
- When you want to play, they want to play.
- When you want to be alone, they want to play.
- They are great at begging.
- They will love you forever if you rub their tummies.
- They leave their toys everywhere.
- They do disgusting things with their mouths and then try to give you a kiss.



**CONCLUSION:** They are little men in fur coats

# June 2024 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> SPRING VOTERS' ASSEMBLY  9:00 - <b>WORSHIP</b> w/communion  10:30 - <b>VOTERS' ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  5:30 - <b>BUILDING TEAM</b>  6:30 - <b>MEN'S STUDY</b>	<b>5</b>   6:00 - <b>TRAP SHOOTING</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
					<b>Lord's Supper Dates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday, June 2nd</li> <li>Sunday, June 16th</li> </ul>	
<b>9</b>  9:00 - <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  11:00 - <b>CELEBRATE JUNE BIRTHDAYS @ McMILLAN'S</b>	<b>12</b>  6:30 - <b>MEN'S STUDY</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Mission Ministry</i> 5:30 - <b>ELDERS' TEAM</b>  6:30 - <b>MISSION &amp; MINISTRY TEAM</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>FATHERS' DAY</b>  9:00 - <b>WORSHIP</b> w/Communion	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>   6:00 - <b>TRAP SHOOTING</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>BAPTISM</b>  9:00 - <b>WORSHIP</b> w/ Baptism of Jett Maas	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  6:00 - <b>MEN'S STUDY</b>	<b>27</b>  6:00 - <b>FELLOWSHIP OUTING @ PADUA PUB</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>  9:00 - <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>July 1</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>July 3</b>   6:00 - <b>TRAP SHOOTING</b>	<b>July 4</b>  <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	<b>July 5</b>	<b>July 6</b>
						



# June 2024 - Daily Readings

This Month we read a sampling of PRAYERS found in the Bible

Pastor records the readings (along with devotions based on the readings).

To receive these audio recordings daily, just email him: [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net).

**NOTE:** Email or text Pastor with questions you have on something you read.

June 2 Use today to Worship and catch up on readings you missed

June 3 Luke 18:9-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 4 Mark 9:19-24 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 5 Nehemiah 6:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 6 Luke 23:32-34 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 7 Revelation 22:20 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 9 Use today to Worship - and catch up on readings you missed!

June 10 Psalm 40:6-8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 11 Psalm 51:10-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 12 Psalm 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 13 Psalm 19:14 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 14 Psalm 37:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 16 Use today to Worship and catch up on readings you missed

June 17 2 Chronicles 20:2-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 18 2 Chronicles 20:7-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 19 2 Chronicles 20:10-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 20 2 Chronicles 20:13-17 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 21 2 Chronicles 20:18-24 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 23 Use today to Worship - and catch up on readings you missed

June 24 2 Chronicles 6:14-42 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 25 Proverbs 30:7-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 26 1 Kings 3:3-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 27 Nehemiah 1:4-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 28 Daniel 2:17-23 \_\_\_\_\_  
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June 30 Use today to Worship & catch up on readings you missed

July 1 Matthew 6:5-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

July 2 Matthew 26:36-42 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 3 Ephesians 1:15-23 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 4 Ephesians 3:14-21 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 5 Colossians 1:9-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Recordings of the Daily Readings can also be found on our website at:

<https://www.livingwordlutheran.net/devotions.htm>

## Upcoming Schedules...

### After-Worship Fellowship

We will have coffee / water and cookies at 10:15 after worship .Please join us when you can!



### Usher Schedule

June 2	Wendy & Lonny Robbin
June 9	Jason & Levi Miller
June 16	Pam Johnson & Linda Van Meter
June 23	Larry Levin & Jim Stinson
June 30	

### Elders

June 2, 9	Duane & Kevin
June 16, 23 & 30	Dan & Scott

### Custodian

June -	Available
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### Nursery

( Volunteers needed - please talk to Mona H.)

### Altar Guild

June	Mona Hjelle
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### Communion Bread Maker

May 7	Carter
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### Power Point Clicker

June 2	Carter
June 9	Parker
June 16	Ella
June 23	Troy
June 30	

### Accompanying Musicians

June 2	Sharon Willen
June 9	ScottWachter
June 16	Sharon Willen
June 23	ScottWachter
June 30	Open

**USHERS NEEDED**  
 Since we have re-sumed 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. Thanks!

That for a day: People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.

## Spring Voter's Assembly...

...is coming June 2nd. The Spring Assembly is our annual election to fill Mission and Ministry positions. We will be electing members to 2-year terms in the following positions:

Chairman	Joe Johnson
Stewardship -	open
Secretary -	open
Trustee -	Lonny Robbin
Elders (three):	Steve Wulf, Duane Hansen, ScottWachter
Christian Growth - Youth	open
Community Outreach -	Tammy Miller

We need suggestions for people to fill the Secretary, Youth and Stewardship positions. If you have members you'd like us to consider for either position, please give their names to an Elder or Mission and Ministry Team member. Thanks!

### Congratulations...

- Gage Dahl on your graduation from NL-S!
- Lance Sawatzky on your graduation from Alex Tech and you new job!
- McCartney Knutson on your graduation from NDSU!

Please email [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

### *Seen on Church Signboards...*

**SIHT SI RUOY EFIL**

**TUOHTIW SUSEJ**

## June Discipleship Verse...



*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."*

Acts 2:42





## The Link...

April 2024 IMPACT FROM THE LINK

SAVE THE DATE!!! RIBFEST 2024, JUNE 8TH FROM 2PM-5PM!!

We are currently looking for silent auction items for Ribfest! If you have anything

you'd like to donate or would like to donate monetarily to The Link to help fill some of the baskets, please reach out to Ashley at 320-354-5465 or email [director@youarethelink.org](mailto:director@youarethelink.org).

**The Food Pantry.** In April, The Link served 186 households - distributing a total of 10,462 pounds of food.

**Wildcat Backpack and Snack Pantry.** The Link is currently serving 99 children each week from NL-S schools! This is an ability to supplement children's food for the weekend when they are not in school. The Link is also currently connecting 31 teachers with snacks for students in their classroom.

**Client Outreach.** Each month, The Link is able to provide support to a number of families facing hardships, such as (but not limited to): job loss, chronic illness, unexpected change in family dynamics and increase in the cost of living. In April, your donations were able to support 25 families by helping with medical bills, gas, utility bills and rental payments along with providing budgeting support, networking and referrals for additional basic needs. Household Exchange. The Household Exchange Program was able to provide 51 families with much needed furniture and other household necessities in April.

**Tuesday's Table.** A free community meal the 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: Crossroads Community Church (call 320-354-5555 for more information).

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Pray for the Link and the community--Help us spread awareness by talking about The Link to your friends and family and sharing on social media-- Donate unexpired food items to the food pantry or organize a food drive-- Volunteer at the thrift store or in the food pantry-- Donate your gently used clothing and household goods- (all proceeds kick back into The Link's programs -- or Donate financially. **CURRENT NEEDS:** Gently used clothing and household necessities, any unexpired/packaged and labeled food. Remember for every \$1 donated, The Link can purchase \$10 in food through Second Harvest.

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Thot for a day: Some people are like clouds. Once they disappear, it's a beautiful day.

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**CURRENT NEEDS:** Gently used clothing and household necessities, any unexpired/packaged and labeled food. Remember for every \$1 donated, The Link can purchase \$10 in food through Second Harvest.

Donations made easy Monthly giving at The Link is convenient. You can set up online giving directly through your bank or by visiting The Link's website at [www.youarethelink.org](http://www.youarethelink.org) by scanning the QR code. You can also mail your donation to P.O. Box 823, New London, MN 56273, drop off your donation in person or leave your check in the drop box outside of The Link's door at 20 Central Ave E, New London. Questions? Contact Ashley at 320-354-5555. Thank you for your support! YOU ARE THE LINK!



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"I just became friends with Abe Lincoln, Beethoven, Buster Keaton, and Jayne Mansfield on Cloudbook!"

## Its Time...

...to Start Planning for Summer Camp !

Summer 2024 brochures are available at church

**LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Our LWML will provide \$50.00 per camper, for ages preschool (Little Lambs), through grade 9. Deadline for letting Bonnie know that your child will be attending (so it can be budgeted for) is June 1st.





## 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 after April. Talk to our Trustee, Lonnie Robbin, to sign up or find out more details.



## Make-A-Meal Program...

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



Meals are in the freezer at church - waiting for you to grab and take to someone.



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That for a day: A tree's way of getting even is a paper cut.

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## Prayer...

### **Remember to use "The Prayer Force"**

Please continue to call, text (320-220-1816) or email ([pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto: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:

- Thanking God for all EMS workers
- Thanking God for all who gave their lives serving our country.
- Asking God's protection for all Armed Forces personnel
- Thanking God for dads.
- Thanking God for the freedom to attend worship
- Asking God for His continued healing for Harry & Will's family
- Asking God's blessing on our Youth Gathering fundraising efforts
- Asking God for good weather for the growing season.
- Asking God's continued guidance for our Building Committee
- Thanking God that His Word is Truth amidst the lies of the world.
- Asking God for faith to stand for His Truth like Daniel's 3 friends !
- 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, wisdom & courage for government leaders
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan and the Int'l Lutheran Council

## Choir News...

Thanks to Sarah Olson for leading us again.

We'll be back in the fall!





## Monthly Music Videos...

Some great new videos in May. Here are some favorites:

- Here's my choice for best new song of the month... Dolly Parton seems to be everywhere in Christian music right now. This is a great song with the incredible Blessing Of called "Somebody's Child"... <https://youtu.be/vtmDNU-QWC8>
- The latest song from We The Kingdom is "Won't He Do It"... <https://youtu.be/qnNDHJVHrMU>
- Andrew Ripp released a new song called "Loves Got A Way"... <https://youtu.be/izY9fv95Pk>
- Leanna Crawford released a song based on the 23rd Psalm called "Still Waters"... <https://youtu.be/v1laQvgPsfA>
- "Feels To Be Free" is a collaboration from Steven Malcolm and Sanctus Real... <https://youtu.be/PHik7Bd6nfc>
- A new song from Danny Gokey is "Wannabe"... <https://youtu.be/x9f970Mlnis>
- "Somebody Say Amen" is a great new song from Rhett Walker... <https://youtu.be/ak-vFq7JE8Q>
- Off Jeremy Camp's new *Deeper Waters* album is "No Survivors"... <https://youtu.be/ikhEIGlIQkM>
- "Do It Anyway" is the latest from Tasha Cobbs Leonard... <https://youtu.be/h-DLYfmupHQ>
- Jordan St. Cyr released "My Foundation"... [https://youtu.be/y7\\_wHeX56cQ](https://youtu.be/y7_wHeX56cQ)
- Sinach just released a brand new single "Not Alone"... <https://youtu.be/iS5ki7zb198>
- Be Brave, Be Strong, Be Kind" is a new song from Josh Wilson... <https://youtu.be/RAJ2ybHiav0>
- "Hurt People" is the latest from Sidewalk Prophets... <https://youtu.be/p8Pi3SGTTPs>
- Award winning trio Selah has released "He Is Still"... <https://youtu.be/5Hm-oqnmEBA>
- Country Christian artist Brenneley Brown released "Miracle Story"... <https://youtu.be/YVuQ6vMknSg>
- Mac Powell (of Third Day fame) sings "Like It's Nothing"... <https://youtu.be/iwKm7tTxKaQ>
- Finally, Crowder debuted from his upcoming album, "Even In Exile"... <https://youtu.be/iOb2iW1otdI>

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That for a day: I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food.

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## Welcome...

### Valen and Sullivan Kocher Baptism



## More Email Humor...

One day my mother was out and my dad was looking after me.

I was maybe 2 1/2 years old and had just recovered from a bad cold. Someone had given me a little tea set as a get-well gift and it was one of my favorite toys.

Dad was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought Daddy a little cup of "tea," which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such good tea, my mom came home.

Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea. ("It's just the cutest thing!") My mom waited and sure enough, I came down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy. She watched him drink it, then said (as only a mother would)... "Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is from the toilet?"



## Story Behind The Song...

Pastor's sermon about being Holy on May 26th (Trinity Sunday) reminded me of this great hymn... "Take Time To Be Holy". Watch the sermon here... <https://tinyurl.com/4ht3n726>

William Longstaff (1822-1894) never considered himself a hymn-writer. In fact, "Take Time to Be Holy" may have been the only poem he ever wrote.

The son of a wealthy ship merchant, William was treasurer of his church and gave liberally to Christian causes. When evangelists Dwight L. Moody and Ira Sankey came to England, he supported their ministry financially, and he also wrote reports of their crusade meetings for the Christian newspapers.

A few years after those meetings, William heard a sermon entitled "Be ye holy, for I am holy." The preaching was based on the New Testament Bible verse 1 Peter 1:16: "Because is written, 'Be ye holy: for I am holy.'" This is a thoroughly Biblical concept that comes over into the New Testament from the Old where the Scripture says: "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God" Leviticus 20:7 (KJV). and he wrote down what holiness meant to him.

Longstaff was a successful businessman with a very practical mind. It served him well when given a task to implement the details of a new venture. His insights and gifts are reflected throughout the poem. William wrote no flowery or pious-sounding verses; he simply wrote practical, down-to-earth instructions. In it he offers many applications that anyone can apply on "how to" become more holy like our Lord. He was able to get the poem published in a Christian periodical.

His poem appeared in a Christian newspaper in 1882 and was quickly forgotten by most. But a Christian musician read the poem, cut it out, and filed it for later use. Years later, gospel composer George Stebbins (1846-1945), who was leading music in India for evangelistic services there, remembered this poem when he was asked if he knew any good hymns about living a holy life. He retrieved the newspaper clipping he had saved... the one that had William's poem written on it, he then set that poem to music. It became this hymn and has been a favorite now for more than a century."

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;

That for a day: The bravest thing you can do when you are not brave is to profess courage and act accordingly.

Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;  
And run not before Him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.  
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

I really like this a cappella version of this hymn from the Collingsworth Family... <https://youtu.be/1619-CDuoag>  
Also a classic performance by Andy Griffith..  
<https://youtu.be/RH8BoRlvD58>

## Happy Father's Day!



Jacob gives Joseph the coat of many colors,  
**Ge 37** Moral of the story.. dads don't know fashion.