


Living Word
Lutheran Church
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November 2024 Newsletter

"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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Questions for Pastor...

Why are there so many Psalms?

This is another question that came from one of our confirmation students. It's a great question. There are a grand total of 150 Psalms in the Book of Psalms. If you consider an individual psalm to be comparable to a chapter in the other books of the Bible, the most chapters found in any other book is 66. (That's in the book of Isaiah.) It certainly does seem that there's an extraordinary number of psalms.

The differences in size of the books of the Bible starts to make sense when you remember that the Bible is actually a collection of many different types of writings. In fact, I tell the confirmation class to think of the Bible as a mini-library instead of like a book. The Bible library contains books of History, Poetry, Wisdom, Prophecy, Letters, Biographies, Law, etc...

With that background, the reason there are so many psalms is that the Book of Psalms is a hymnal. Yep. We have a hymnal right in the middle of the Bible. In fact, the Psalms is often referred to as "The Hymnal of the Old Testament."

As you read through the book of Psalms you'll notice that many psalms actually have musical instructions. For example, Psalm 54 and 55 (among others) have the heading: "To the Choirmaster: With Stringed Instruments." Psalms 120-134 all begin with the inscription "A Song of Ascents." These psalms were songs the Israelites sang as made the trip up to (ascended) the temple on Mount Zion for one of the festivals God commanded them to celebrate.

Unfortunately, we don't have the musical notes that go along with the words, but like other songs, the words of the psalms express lots of emotions. This is one thing that makes the Psalms such a favorite book. We find emotions like joy, gratitude, love, sadness, anger, grief, fear, confusion, trust - all of which we can relate to as we follow God through our daily lives.

The psalms include prayers as well as praises, thanksgivings, prophecies



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and instruction. When we begin each Sunday Service with a Psalm, we are joining our hearts and voices with those of God's people throughout the ages, speaking the same words they spoke and sung as they worshipped God.

With all of this in mind, it seemed fitting to focus on the Psalms for our daily devotions this month. You'll find the listing of the daily (Monday - Friday) readings on the Daily Readings page in this Newsletter. As always, I make audio recordings of these readings and combine them with a devotional thoughts and a prayer. The link to these audio recordings are sent daily via text message or email. If you'd like to sign up to receive them in your inbox, just let me know and I'll get you added.

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Thank You...

- A HUGE "Thank You" for your generous gifts and encouraging words on Pastor (and Wife) Appreciation Sunday! We are so grateful for your partnership in the Gospel!
Pastor David & Violet

If you have someone you'd like to thank, please email webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net



Pastor Appreciation Sunday



Who Can You Invite?...



Thanksgiving Eve Worship:

Wednesday,
November 27
@ 6:30 p.m.

A special Thank-offering will be collected:

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

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

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

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

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

King David in 1 Chronicles 29:14

Pumpkin (and other)

Pie Fellowship

After Thanksgiving Eve Worship

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



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That for a day: One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.

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Mark Your Calendars...

Mission & Ministry Team

Thursday, November 14th @ 6:30 p.m.
Elders' Team @ 5:30 prior to MMT

Building Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 1st @ 5:30 p.m. (Prior to Men's Study)

Fall Voters' Assembly

Sunday, November 17th After Worship
We approve goals and budget for 2025

Upcoming Fellowship Outings...



Celebrate Birthdays

We will celebrate October Birthdays
at Westwood Café in Spicer
Tuesday, November 12th @ 11:00

November Supper-Fellowship Outing:

Thursday, November 21st @ 6:00 p.m.
Foxhole Brewhouse.
905 Highway 71 NE
Willmar, MN



Sunday Afternoon Movie...

God's Not Dead: In God We Trust

Movie showing:

Sunday, November 3
2:00 - 5:00 at church

Let's get together to watch this important movie and enjoy some popcorn and time together!!



Who's Up for a Hay Ride?...

Marcia has scheduled a hay ride (or maybe a sleigh ride depending on weather)

**November 24
after church.**



The hay/sleigh ride will be at the Rick Spaeth farm.

18380 195th Ave NE, Paynesville.

We will have a potluck lunch at the farm. Bring a dish to share. They have a fridge, microwave and table to set out food.

Bring a blanket for the hay/sleigh ride. It will be fun !!!

Please sign up at church.

Call Marcia with any questions. 320-220-0803

Lefsa Making...



The folks who helped us make lefsa last year have offered to help again this year if anyone is interested.

No dates yet. I'm just looking for interest at this point. Please sign up at church if you'd like to make lefsa some time in December or January.

Dinner Theater...

Redeemer Lutheran has invited us to join them on a trip to:

Chanhasen Dinner Theater

Saturday, January 4
(bus leaves Redeemer at 9:00 a.m.)

Cost: \$95 (Includes show, meal, bus ride, snack)

Money is due to Marcia by Dec 2.



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

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Outreach News...



Chili Cook Off

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 4:00-6:00 ish (exact time TBD) Do you have someone you would like to see judge?? Talk to Tammy Miller

Prayer Ministry to start up in the New Year

Looking for a few people who have a passion for praying!!! The plan is to meet a few minutes after church to pray with and for each other.

Talk to Tammy Miller if interested



Community Festival / Block Party Spring, 2025 -



Talk to Tammy Miller if interested in being on planning Committee or if you have ideas!!!

LWML News...

LWML Meeting & Women's Study:

Wednesday, Nov 13th, 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.

Living Word Apparel...



Remember to wear your t-shirts and hats...

Confirmation News

- Class at 6:00 (November 6, 13, and 20)
- Remember to check the "PowerPoint Clicker" schedule, and catch up on your Sermon Notes.
- Parents: "Raising Kids to Have a Strong Faith" class for parents is also every Wednesday at 6:00



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Opportunities for Growth...



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Every Sunday @ 9:00
Join us for coffee and God's Word

Monthly Morning Women's Study:

November 13th @ 10:00
All women are welcome!



Men's Study

Meets Tuesdays @ 6:30
(Come at 6:15 for food)

*No Study on Election Day—November 5th

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

Read from the Hymnal of the Old Testament (The Psalms)

(Or listen to Pastor read a month's worth of Psalms. He will text or email you a link to each day's recording)

You'll find the readings listed on our Daily Readings pages 18-19

Choir News...

Will sing for Thanksgiving Eve

Join us after Sunday Service to practice!



That for a day: Money may not go as far as it used to, but we have just as much trouble getting it back

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Sunday School News..

On October 20, Brooklyn Johnson, Aalejandra Medina and Michael Miller received their 3rd-Grade Bibles

Upcoming Classes:

- Nov. 3 - The Thankful Leper Luke 17:11-19
- Nov. 10 - Five Kernels Psalm 107:8; Beat the "Greedies"
1 Thessalonians 5:18; Luke 12:15
- Nov. 17 - Thanksgiving Top 10 Psalm 100:4
- Nov. 24 - Giving Thanks Psalm 100:4

"Save the Date"

Children's Christmas Program on December 15th @ 10:00 a.m.

Operation Christmas Child...

Operation Christmas Child DEDICATION SUNDAY is November 17th!



The congregation and the children are invited to participate in "Operation Christmas Child". Dedication Sunday for this mission will be Sunday, November 17, with brochures, boxes and labels provided. Deadline for the boxes to be brought back to church, will be Wednesday, November 20th. If you need more info, go to www.samaritanspurse.org. Thank you for partnering with Samaritans Purse, as we share God's love with children around the world.

HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX



Email Humor...

My niece, pregnant with her second child, was certain she wanted an epidural for pain management during childbirth.

Her doctor asked her at which stage of labor she wanted the epidural administered.

Her response: "Just meet me in the parking lot!"

"Boys are beyond the range of anybody's sure understanding, at least when they are between the ages of 18 months and 90 years."

James Thurber

Smoke-Detector Battery Outreach...

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

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



Youth Events...



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

- Gathering Registrations were sent on November 1st!
- Current Fundraiser: "Grab an Envelope"



Thank God For...

You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..." Each week we'd like to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted.



In October we thanked God for...

- FALLEN HEROES
- FALL COLORS
- PASTOR DAVID

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

That for a day: You can learn many things from children ... like how much patience you have.

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PARENTS OF TEENS NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are a quarter of the way through the school year already! It seems like both forever ago and just yesterday that I was sending my kids off for their "first day" of school - and my oldest child's last "first day" of traditional high school. Lots of mixed emotions, but it's such a great reminder that every day can be meaningful.

In Bible Study this month we discussed how powerful our words are. They "can bring death or life" (Proverbs 18:21). Wow. When I look at how I've spoken to my kids the past few weeks when schedules are busy and patience is limited, I'm immediately flooded with guilt. Proverbs 16:24 gives me a bit more hope, though. "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." Much like putting toothpaste back in the tube is much more difficult than squeezing it out, the pain caused by harsh words can be healed too with time and intention.

As our Youth Group Bible Study continues in November, the lesson asks for important people in our youth's life to give them words of affirmation. **I am asking each parent to write an affirming letter to their youth.** Please seal it and put it in my box at church, and when we get to that lesson I will share it with the youth. If you know of others who are important in the youth's life, feel free to reach out to them and ask for a sweet letter of affirmation as well. The more the merrier. If your youth can't make it, feel free to write them a letter and hand it to them personally anyway.

As always, thanks for sharing your precious teens with me each week.

God's Peace,
Becky



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AWESOME THINGS IN THE WORKS



Smoke Detector Battery Giveaway
10-noon
Saturday, November 2nd



Being a Christian is like being a *pumpkin*. God *lifts* you up from the patch, takes you in, and *washes* off all the dirt. Then He cuts the top and *scoops* out all the yucky stuff. He removes the *seeds* of doubt, hate, and greed. Last, He *caves* you a new smiling face and *puts* His *light* inside you to shine for all the world to see.



DAYSTAR

Youth Group Pumpkin Carving
Wed., Oct. 30
7pm

Bring a friend!
If you have extra carving equipment, please send along.

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AMAZING THINGS YOUTH HAVE DONE

Prepped Christian Music Playlists

Helped Teach Sunday School and Lead Children's Church



Threw some assets!

Witnessed the Northern Lights

Congrats Jason and Levi for winning the Cornhole Tournament!



Bear Bag Tournament!

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2 - Smoke Detector Battery Give Away 10am-noon, all youth Invited

3 - 10am Church with Communion

6 - 6pm Confirmation, 7pm Youth Group

6 - 6pm Parent Bible Study

10 - 10am Church

13 - 6pm Confirmation, 7pm Youth Group

13 - 6pm Parent Bible Study

17 - 10am Church with Communion

17 - Gage's Birthday!

20 - 6pm Confirmation, 7pm Youth Group

21 - 6pm Youth Team Meeting @ Church

24 - 10am Church

27 - Thanksgiving Service (In lieu of Confirmation/Youth Group)

28 - Thanksgiving!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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1 - 10am Church with Communion - Carter is the Slides clicker

4 - 6pm Confirmation & Parent Bible Study

4 - 7pm Youth Group

4 - RSVPs due to Marcia for the Chanhassen trip

8 - 10am Church - Parker is the Slides clicker

11 - 6pm Confirmation and Parent Bible Study (open to all parents)

11 - 7pm Youth Group

15 - 10am Church with Communion - Ella is the Slides clicker

15 - Redeemer Youth Connection, details TBD

16-20 Ridgewater Finals week - Pray for Gage, Alison, and Lexi!

18 - 6pm Confirmation and Parent Bible Study

18 - 7pm Youth Group

19 - Youth Team Meeting

22 - 10am Church - Troy is the Slides clicker

25 - Christmas!!!

25 - NO Confirmation/Youth Group/Parent Bible Study

29 - 10am Church

31-Jan. 1 - Youth Group Lock in!



A Minute for Couples...

(from the Prepare-Enrich blog)

We're back with Part 2 of our Relationship Basics series.



As we mentioned in Part 1, sometimes there's no substitute for getting back to basics. It's not uncommon to fall into bad habits over time. Reviewing the fundamentals and continuously working on these foundational relationship skills will help ensure your marriage stays strong. Let's dive back in!

G **Goals:** Setting goals together, whether long- or short-term, for your relationship or everyday life, is a way to live out your commitment to each other. It provides you with a sense of purpose, motivation, and accountability as you strive to be the best versions of yourselves – for each other and your family.

Growth: As individuals, you grow and change over time. Your relationship needs to grow and change, too. Without this evolution, it's like a plant being stuck in a pot that's too small. You won't have room to truly thrive.

H **Habits:** Habits have a way of shaping your life – for better or for worse. Sometimes it feels like it's easier to fall into bad habits than to instill good ones, but really it just takes a bit of intention. Eventually, those habits, by definition, become second nature.

Hard seasons: All couples go through ups and downs over the course of their marriage. These different periods of time, or seasons of life, can be brought about by a certain event, your life stage or circumstances, or a combination of these things. They are usually temporary, even though it can be hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel when you're in the thick of it.

Humor: A sense of humor is usually a coveted quality in a partner. When you share a sense of humor with someone you're just getting to know, it helps you feel at ease and gives you a sense of chemistry and connection. Once you're married, humor offers many other substantial benefits to your relationship, including less fighting and a stronger bond.

I **Intimacy:** What is marriage without intimacy? Of course, it's not just about physical intimacy. A strong marriage requires emotional intimacy as well, and usually these things go hand in hand. It's about expressing your love to each other through a close or shared connection, whether that connection is physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, experiential, etc. One of the most basic ways to boost intimacy in your marriage is to work on your emotional closeness.

J Journey: Life is a journey, and so is your marriage. It's unique to you and your spouse alone. Whether it's gone exactly as you'd planned or you've taken several detours or alternate routes to get where you are now, you've done it together. Don't overlook these milestones along the way. Find joy in the journey and take pride in what you've gone through as a couple.

K Kindness: Kindness is a bit of a tricky thing in marriage. On one hand it seems obvious that you're kind to your spouse. On the other hand, it's not uncommon to start skipping over basic kindnesses with each other, even if it's simply a byproduct of familiarity. This type of complacency is toxic over time; avoid it by continuously working on being a better friend to your spouse.

L Learning: Embracing the mindset of lifelong learning in your marriage is what propels you to grow together— both individually and as a couple. Take the initiative to learn more about yourself. You'll find that increased self-awareness will have a positive effect throughout your relationship. Be intentional about learning new things about your spouse. As well as you know them, they are also always evolving in small ways.

Love: It's hard to know where to start when talking about love in the context of marriage. Hopefully it's threaded throughout your daily life and interactions with your spouse, and you feel it undeniably and express it often. But the reality is, you don't always feel loving toward each other. What then? Or sometimes, you might not particularly like your spouse, even though you know you love them.

M Marriage: There's a lot to be said about marriage, as is evident by this blog! Sometimes it's idealized, other times it's cast in a negative light. The reality, of course, usually lies somewhere in between. Marriage is challenging and rewarding. It can be the hardest thing you've done and the best thing. Ultimately, you get out of it what you put into it.

Money: Money is a touchy subject for many couples. Why? Because differences aren't just about being a spender or a saver. The meaning and values you attach to money are deeply ingrained in you, directly affecting the way you interact with money, both consciously and subconsciously. As complicated as it can be, it doesn't have to drive a wedge between you..

N Newlyweds: The newlywed period is a special time. The experience of starting a fresh chapter in life with your spouse is exciting, but it also comes with its fair share of challenges. If you're only expecting the "happily ever after" part, you might be caught off guard when new issues develop, new conflicts erupt, or existing ones take on a new dimension. We're here to let you know this is completely normal.

Thot for a day: Most people drive far too fast to worry about cholesterol.



Owning your feelings: When you own your feelings, you acknowledge and identify your emotions and take responsibility for them, instead of ignoring or minimizing them blame others for "making you" feel a certain way. It's a skill that doesn't always come naturally. It takes self-awareness and emotional maturity, but can ultimately be a very empowering mindset to lean into, particularly when dealing with conflict in marriage.

Stay tuned for the conclusion of this 3-part series!


More Email Humor...

Jay Leno Quotes:

- Yesterday morning Facebook was temporarily offline, leaving millions of workers unable to do anything except their jobs.
- A new study found that people who are depressed have a greater risk of stroke. Well that should cheer them up.
- A German psychologist says that women talk more than men because they have a bigger vocabulary. But, it evens out because men only listen half the time.
- Researchers found a frog in new guinea that is so tiny, they believe it's the smallest vertebrate on the planet. It has the tiniest backbone of any living creature, except members of Congress.
- Worried about an IRS audit? Avoid what's called a red flag. That's something the IRS always looks for. For example, say you have some money left in your bank account after paying taxes. That's a red flag.
- The Washington Bullets are changing their name. They don't want their team to be associated with crime. From now on, they'll just be known as the Bullets.
- They say hot dogs can kill you. How do you know it's not the bun?
- According to a new poll, fifty percent of Americans think the country is divided. The other fifty percent think it isn't.
- Thanksgiving, when the Indians said, "Well, this has been fun, but we know you have a long voyage back to England."



November 2024 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - SUNDAY SERVICE <i>w/Communion</i> 11:15 - COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6 6:00 - CONFIRMATION & - PARENTS' CLASS 7:00 - YOUTH GROUP	7 10:00 - MEMBERSHIP CLASS	8	9
10 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:15 - COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	11	12 11:00- CELEBRATE NOV BIRTHDAYS @ Westwood Café 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	13 10:00 - LWML & WOMEN'S STUDY 6:00 - CONFIRMATION & - PARENTS' CLASS 7:00 - YOUTH GROUP	14 <i>Mission Ministry</i> 5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 - MMT	15	16
17 SHOEBOX DEDICATION DAY 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - SUNDAY SERVICE <i>w/Communion</i> 11:15 - COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	18	19 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	20 6:00 - CONFIRMATION & - PARENTS' CLASS 7:00 - YOUTH GROUP	21 6:00 - FELLOWSHIP SUPPER @ Foxhole, Willmar	22	23
24 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - SUNDAY SERVICE <i>w/communion</i> 11:15 - COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 2:00 - HAY / SLEIGH RIDE	25	26 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	27 6:30 - THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE <i>w/communion</i>	28 THANKSGIVING 	29	30
Dec 1 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - SUNDAY SERVICE <i>w/communion</i> 11:15 - COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Dec 2	Dec 3 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	Dec 4 6:00 - CONFIRMATION & - PARENTS' CLASS 7:00 - YOUTH GROUP	Dec 5	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px;"> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, November 3rd Sunday, November 17th Thanksgiving Eve, 27th </div>	

November 2024 - Daily Readings

This Month we begin to read from the Hymnal of the Old Testament (The Psalms)
Pastor records the readings (along with devotions based on the readings).

To receive these audio recordings daily, just email him: pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

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

Nov 3 Use today to Worship and catch up on readings you missed

Nov 4 Psalm 2 _____

Nov 5 Psalm 4 _____

Nov 6 Psalm 8 _____

Nov 7 Psalm 13 _____

Nov 8 Psalm 27 _____

Nov 10 Use today to Worship and catch up on readings you missed

Nov 11 Psalm 32 _____

Nov 12 Psalm 34 _____

Nov 13 Psalm 37 _____

Nov 14 Psalm 42 _____

Nov 15 Psalm 57 _____

Nov 17 Use today to Worship and catch up on readings you missed

Nov 18 Psalm 62 _____

Nov 19 Psalm 64 _____

Nov 20 Psalm 67 _____

Nov 21 Psalm 84 _____

Nov 22 Psalm 91 _____

Nov 24 Use today to Worship and catch up on readings you missed

Nov 25 Psalm 96 _____

Nov 26 Psalm 98 _____

Nov 27 Psalm 100 _____

Nov 28 Psalm 103 _____

Nov 29 Psalm 111 _____

Dec 1 Use today to Worship - and catch up on readings you missed!

Dec 2 Psalm 117 _____

Dec 3 Psalm 121 _____

Dec 4 Psalm 145 _____

Dec 5 Psalm 146 _____

Dec 6 Psalm 150 _____

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

Nov 3	Wendy & Lonny Robbin
Nov 10	Jason & Levi Miller
Nov 17	Pam Johnson & Linda Van Meter
Nov 24	Larry Levin & Jim Stinson

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. Thanks!

Elders

Nov 3, 10	Duane & Kevin
Nov 17, 24, 27	Dan & Scott

Custodian

Nov -	Tammy Fuglie
Dec -	Available

Nursery

(Volunteers needed - please talk to Mona H.)

Altar Guild

November	Mona Hjelle
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Power Point Clicker

Nov 3	Carter
Nov 10	Parker
Nov 17	Ella
Nov 24	Kjirsten
Nov 27	Evelyn

Accompanying Musicians

Nov 3	Sharon Willen
Nov 10	Scott Wachter
Nov 17	Sharon Willen
Nov 24	Scott Wachter
Nov 27	Sharon Willen

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That for a day: It rarely occurs to teenagers that the day will come when they'll know as little as their parents.

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Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in September on the **First and Third Sundays (3rd & 17th)** as well as **Thanksgiving Eve (27th)**



Reminders:

- Wine - is in the two outer rings of the individual-cup tray
- Grape Juice - is in the inner ring of the individual-cup tray
- 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.

Membership Class...



Thursday, November 7 @ 10:00

Please let Pastor know if you are interested in the class, but can't attend that day. We'll try to find a day that fits everyone's schedule. Thanks!

Seen on Church Signboards...

**IT'S NOT HAPPY PEOPLE
WHO ARE THANKFUL ...**

**IT'S THANKFUL PEOPLE
WHO ARE HAPPY !!!**

November Discipleship Verse...



*I will give thanks to you, LORD,
with all my heart; I will tell of all your
wonderful deeds.*

Psalm 9:1

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
- November Newsletters
- October-December 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>

- Oct 6 "A Lesson from Jonah on What God Delights In Doing"
- Oct 13 "Lesson from a Mechanic: Why Jesus is the Only Way"
- Oct 20 "What to do with Jealousy - Yours or Someone Else's"
- Oct 27 "Josiah: The 'Martin Luther' of the Bible"

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.

Donation Reminder

While we love donations of items for the church, we have very limited storage. If you have an item you think we need, there is a procedure: Please contact Tammy Miller 320-905-2434 before you donate! Thank you!!



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Thot for a day: Money won't buy happiness but it will pay for a large staff to study the problem .

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Prayer...

Remember to use "The Prayer Force"

Please continue to call, text (320-220-1816) or email (pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) prayer requests to Pastor David for the Prayer Force prayer chain to include in their prayers. Thanks!



And an Invitation to Join our "Prayer Force"

Being a part of our prayer chain is a HUGELY important - and very simple - way you can serve God and His people! When a request to pray comes in, Pastor forwards it via text message (or email for those who don't have a cell phone). Then you simply include that request in your prayers. Text Pastor today and tell him "Yeah, I can do that!" Thanks!

Please Remember to Pray At 11:09 Every day

(inspired by Luke 11:9: "So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you")

Remember to take a time-out to PRAY for things like... these VBS Prayers:

- Wisdom to vote for people who will enable us to get closer to God, not lead us away from Him
- People you can invite to Thanksgiving Eve worship or any of our fellowship activities
- Safety during hunting and harvesting
- Thanking God for all Veterans and those who currently serve
- An "Attitude of Gratitude" everyday - not just on Thanksgiving Day
- Safe travels over the Thanksgiving holiday
- Asking God to open people's eyes to see that Jesus is what they need
- Asking God for His continued healing for Harry & Will's family
- Asking God's blessing on our Youth Gathering fundraising efforts
- 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

"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-VvJEU22yCYxbhwjg/featured>

Building Committee Update...

The committee is continuing to look 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. Here's a computerized drawing of what a 48'x70' sanctuary might look like attached to the west side of our current building. Some pertinent figures (as of



The Committee is in the process of getting a preliminary blueprint drawn up as well as a preliminary "ballpark" estimate of cost.

Some pertinent figures (as of September 30th):

- Remaining Balance of Mortgage on current building: \$ 9800
- Balance in CDs dedicated to New Sanctuary: \$62,500

OUR NEXT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING:

TUESDAY, November 12th @ 5:30 (Prior to Men's Study)

Even More Email Humor...

One beautiful Sunday morning, the pastor announced to the congregation:

"My good people, I have here in my hands four sermons...
a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes;
a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes,
a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour;
and a coin sermon that lasts till noon.

"Now, we'll take the collection to see which one you want."

A livestock truck overturned in my town. A city-slicker TV reporter was doing the broadcast and stated, "Two cows, Black and Gus, escaped into the nearby woods."

After the commercial break, the reporter corrected himself,
"About that overturned truck, make those Black Angus cattle."

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That for a day: I don't fall down, I do random gravity checks.

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Email Wisdom...

This is a "funny" you may have heard before, but I included it in the "wisdom" section, because it gives us a great reminder that only God can create something out of nothing... simply by speaking! Everything we create... well, we can only create things using materials that God has already created.

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him.

The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost."

God listened very patiently and kindly to the man. After the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest."

To which the scientist replied, "Okay, great!"

But God added, "Now, we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go get your own dirt."



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.

For DECEMBER and beyond...

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

We are still in need of volunteers. 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.

We got together to make more meals Saturday, October 26.

Please grab some meals from the freezer at church and take them to someone who's going through a tough time.



That for a day: if you don't want anyone to get your goat, don't let them know where you have it tied.

Church Directory...

We are starting to compile information and photos for the CHURCH DIRECTORY!

If everyone supplies a photo and the following information you will make this task so much simpler.

If you do not have a photo of your family/yourself, Torasie will take your photo for you after church. (She will have her camera available to do that after each service in July.)

Below is the info we would like to include:

Name (Names)

Please include Dates of birth and Anniversary date as applicable

Address

Telephone

Email Address

(Information is voluntary, we will not sell your information but will use it strictly as a way to communicate)

If you want to email this information along with a photo, you can email to cabbage_12@hotmail.com

Axe Throwing at Rendezvous...



I'm not sure why all the axe throwing photos are from behind...



Thot for a day: Farmer wisdom : Life is simpler when you plow around the stump ps.

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Pumpkin Carving...



Email Inspiration...

From *The Pour Over* newsletter

It's that time of year again. From the constant ads to the bumper stickers, online chatter, and dominated news cycle, the political tangle is completely unavoidable.

It's so easy for believers to get caught up in unhealthy patterns: dwelling on anger and grumbling regularly, feeling self-important about our superior opinions, talking before we listen, attributing too much power to public servants, or trusting politicians with things we should trust God for (peace, security, hope).

The apostle Paul describes this ungodly tangle as "the old self," and encourages Christians to take it off like a dirty shirt. Instead,

"Putting away lying, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger, and don't give the devil an opportunity. Let the thief no longer steal. Instead, he is to do honest work with his own hands, so that he has something to share with anyone in need. No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear. And don't grieve God's Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ." | Ephesians 4:25-32

To put on "the new self" and maintain spiritual health this election season, the Bible tells us to look to Christ. So how can we stay focused on Christ in this season when every politician is competing for our attention?

Here are a few habits I'd suggest to keep your focus trending in the right direction:

Spend more time with Jesus than you do consuming media.

We need to be shaped more by the Good News than we are by political news. Here's another way to think about it:

- Whose voice is the loudest and most influential in your life?
- Whose voices shape your heart and your mood on a daily basis?
- Whose disciple are you?

This election season, be intentional about making Jesus's voice loudest in your life. Give more time to things that pull you deeper into God's

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That for a day: A few more generations and no one will know what clockwise is anymore.

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Word, that encourage your faith, and that help you walk with Jesus.

Replace 45 minutes of scrolling news articles with listening to a sermon. Switch out your time watching FOX or CNN with a walk and worship music. Attend a small group instead of a political event.

Engaging in the political process is a good thing for believers, but it's too easy to let our hearts be dragged away into unhealthy places. Take a few minutes to read the news and stay informed, but make sure Jesus's voice is loudest in your life.

Take action on the issue that motivates you most when you vote.

As Christians, our vote is not our primary influence in our communities. It's just a small piece of how we respond to the needs around us. Keep politics in their proper place by acting on an issue God has put on your heart.

Does the economy motivate your vote? Babysit for a single mom while she works, or give generously to a ministry that provides employment training to homeless veterans. Does abortion motivate your vote? Spend time volunteering at a crisis pregnancy center.

Find your one thing, then do something.

"But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."
| James 1:22

If we get our hands dirty serving the people around us, our hope for change won't be dependent on what's going on in Washington. We can't do everything, but we can do something.

Praise and thank God no matter the election's results.

While we almost surely believe a certain election outcome will be better for our neighbors and communities, we can give God praise no matter the results.

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Our hope is not dependent on a political outcome or what's happening on either side of the aisle. We know, love, and serve the King of kings — the President of presidents. Our future is in his trustworthy hands.

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though the flocks disappear from the pen and there are no herds in the stalls, yet I will celebrate in the Lord; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! The Lord my Lord is my strength." | Habakkuk 3:17-19

Monthly Music Videos...

Last month had some great new music releases (and quite a few Christmas songs, but we will wait till next month for those)...

- Brand new from Sidewalk Prophets with Megan Danielle is a new favorite, "Looking Up" ... https://youtu.be/t_59Tb5Ne9g
- A great song by Steven Curtis Chapman and Hillary Scott is "Broken Dreams" ... https://youtu.be/8EKM2_d5lvs
- From the upcoming movie Bonhoeffer, Lauren Daigle re-released "Then I Will" ... <https://youtu.be/kKBQrWWX570>
- "Pour It Out" is a from new artist Michael Monroe... <https://youtu.be/hf8JpuhdYSs>
- "He Who Is To Come" is a new song from Kristian Stanfill and Brooke Ligertwood... <https://youtu.be/TozxwOEmZA8>
- Forrest Frank's new song is "Your Way's Better" ... <https://youtu.be/HP6tWnkftpI>
- Blessing Of for released a great song, "All Over the World" ... <https://youtu.be/bEUqtLfrXYM>
- "Soar" is a new song from Elle Limebear... <https://youtu.be/BsHF8qE4taw>
- LO CLOUD is a new band formed from some members of Sanctus Real and Kutless. Their first song is "Sleepwalker" ... <https://youtu.be/7gV1-tdYHik>
- Drew and Ellie Holcomb have a fun new song, "Memory Bank" ... <https://youtu.be/41xrMwkiyYw>
- "Son of Man" is new from The Belonging Co with Andrew Holt... <https://youtu.be/RJ1dhpvi9Es>
- A great song from Ben Fuller is "Black Sheep" ... <https://youtu.be/erc4leGwfk>
- "Friend in High Places" is the latest song from Zach Williams... <https://youtu.be/kepby4ncXVo>
- "Where the Power Is" is another new song from Kristian Stanfill... <https://youtu.be/OVxbqTYoIIA>
- As a bonus, if you didn't have chance to watch a few weeks ago, here is the full 2024 GMA Dove Awards program... https://youtu.be/PanKWai_dCc

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That for a day: Not having an opinion about most things is better for your mental health than having an opinion about most things.

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Story Behind The Song...

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Martin Rinkart was the son of a poor coppersmith in Eilenburg. By hard work, thrift, and the use of his musical talents, he scraped together enough to pay his own way through the University of Leipzig. He studied theology, intending to become a pastor.

But when he applied for an open post as a deacon in 1610, he was turned down. He did not grumble, but took work in a Lutheran church school. On May 28, 1611, he undertook duties as a deacon of St. Anne's Church in Eisleben, a common step toward a pastorate.

Amid all his travelling and other duties, Rinkart found time to write. He wrote a series of seven dramas inspired by the hundred-year anniversary of the Reformation. Three were published in 1613, 1618, and 1623, and we know at least two were performed publicly. He was also named poet laureate in 1614, and wrote a large number of books as well as hymns and cantatas. Some of his books have been lost; others survive only in a single copy.

Rinkart completed his Master's degree in Theology in 1616, and then his hometown Eilenburg offered the position of archdeacon in his home town in 1617. He would spend the rest of his life there.

The Thirty Years' War (1618-48) began when Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II of Bohemia attempted to curtail the religious activities of his subjects, sparking rebellion among Protestants. The war came to involve the major powers of Europe, with Sweden, France, Spain and Austria all waging campaigns primarily on German soil. Known in part for the atrocities committed by mercenary soldiers. The fallout re-shaped the religious and political map of central Europe, setting the stage for the old centralized Roman Catholic empire to give way to a community of sovereign states.

The Thirty Years' War is still remembered to this day as the most destructive war ever fought in Germany, and that includes World Wars I and II. The war began as a conflict over religion in the nearby kingdom of Bohemia, but rapidly drew in almost all the countries of Europe. In principal, it was primarily a battle between the Catholic Holy Roman Emperor and his allies, and the Lutheran princes in the Empire and their allies.

In 1617, shortly before the Thirty Years' War broke out, Rinkart be-

came a full pastor. Eilenburg was a walled city, and as the war developed, refugees flooded in. Overcrowding led to food shortages. By 1637, the situation was so bad that refugees fought in the streets for dead cats and birds. Plague soon followed. Each of the city's four pastors held ten or more funerals a day. Overwhelmed, one ran away. The others died, leaving Rinkart to bury them. As the only pastor left, he often conducted services for as many as 40 to 50 persons a day—some 4,480 in all. In May of that year, his own wife died. By the end of the year, the refugees had to be buried in trenches without services.

He survived the entire war, pouring himself out in charity, giving away all the food and clothing he had obtained, except just enough to preserve his own hungry family. He even mortgaged his future earnings. After the Swedes had besieged the city for several months, they agreed to leave if an enormous ransom was paid. Rinkart pleaded for better terms, but the Swedish army was immovable. Knowing the sum could not be raised, Rinkart fell to his knees, praying so fervently that the Swedish captain was deeply moved and reduced the demand to a manageable amount.

Rinkart wrote a hymn of gratitude for his children to sing at the dinner table. "Nun danket alle Gott". It was written in 1636 in the middle of the war and later translated into English by Catherine Winkworth as "Now Thank We All Our God." Given the difficulties of his life, it is surprising that the hymns that Rinkart penned were full of praise and trust in God even when they were speaking of the troubles that afflicted Germany.

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

That for a day: People tend to mix right and left, but they never mix up and down.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them is highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

A traditional rendition of this hymn by at...
<https://youtu.be/K7gMDXylzW8?si=nptIn9dn uSxnP4Uu>
I like this acoustic version at...
https://youtu.be/Ecoss2ZvN2c?si=S_ZPYhET04Yt56l5
BONUS video: Home Free sings Ben Rector's "The Thanksgiving Song" ... https://youtu.be/DU0zFvRk4Ng?si=ZtBxmg8LiiU_tkuH

Happy Thanksgiving!

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