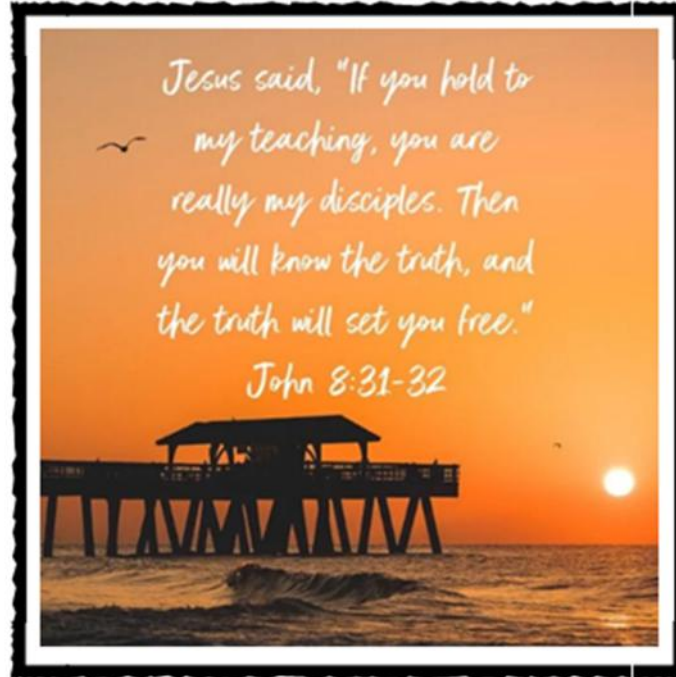


  
**Living Word**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**LCMS**



**October 2024 Newsletter**

**"Communicating the Love of Jesus"**

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

# Living Word Lutheran Church

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## Questions for Pastor...

### What is eternal life?

One of the assignments the confirmation students have this year is to come to class each week with one question they have about the Christian faith. Things like,

"Why do we...?"  
"Why don't we...?"  
"Why did Jesus...?"  
"What did Jesus mean by...?"  
"What do we mean when we say...?"  
"What does the Bible say about...?"  
"How do we know...?"



The above question came from a confirmation student, and I told them, "Jesus actually defined it for us. And His answer is probably not what you'd think."

The following is a quote from a prayer Jesus prayed right before He was arrested by the Jewish religious leaders the night before He was executed on the cross. The prayer is often referred to as Jesus' "High Priestly" prayer. It takes up all of John chapter 17.

**Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.** John 17:1-3

For starters Jesus tells us that eternal life is something that He "gives." It's not something we acquire by working for it or deserving it. That part you probably knew.

We would expect Jesus to go on to define eternal life as a life that "lasts forever." We tend to think of eternal life as a quantity of time that starts when we die or when Jesus returns on the last day.

We might have expected Him to add something about it being a life full

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of peace and joy and free of sin, hurt, and death. And all of those things are true aspects of eternal life that we find spoken of in the Bible. (See Revelation 21) But the way Jesus defined eternal life shows that when it comes to eternal life, the quality of that life is of greater importance than the quantity of time it lasts.

Jesus very simply defined "eternal life" as: Knowing God the Father and the Son (Jesus) that the Father sent into our world.

When the word "know" is used in the Bible, the meaning is much deeper than "knowing about" someone or knowing what they said or did. To "know" someone, as the Bible uses the word, is to have the closest of relationships with them. A close, loving, trusting relationship. Like good parents have with their children and vice versa.

Simply put, this means you possess eternal life from the moment you place your trust in Jesus (and through Him, your trust in God the Father as well).

In practical terms that means you don't have to wait until you die to get eternal life! Plus, you can actually be assured that you have it. Listen to the Apostle John in 1 John 5:13

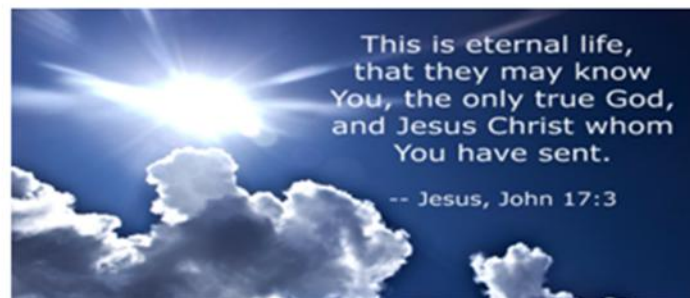
**"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."**

When you "know" Jesus - have a relationship of trust in Him and love for Him - you can be assured that you possess eternal life- right now!

The Apostle Paul also does remind us that eternal life will actually get better after we die and we get to spend the rest of eternity in the visible presence of the Father and the Son: **"Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known."** 1 Corinthians 13:12

Thanks for asking  
Pastor David

Send your questions to [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net)



## 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
- October Newsletters
- July-September 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>

- Sept 1 "A New Way to Look at Prayer"  
Sept 8 "The Sonflower D-Fence"  
Sept 15 "2 Faith Problems: Trusting Self Too Much - Trusting God Not Enough"  
Sept 22 "Lessons Kids Teach Us"  
Sept 29 "The Reason for All the 'Stories' in 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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Money can't buy everything...but then again neither can no money.

That for a day:

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## Mark Your Calendars...

### Mission & Ministry Team

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

This month is our 2025 Planning Meeting. Please come with goals and budget needs for your team

### Building Committee Meeting

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

## Membership Class...

Saturday, October 5 @ 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



## Upcoming Fellowship Outings...



### Celebrate Birthdays

We will celebrate October Birthdays  
at Sweet River Café in New London  
Tuesday, October 1st @ 11:00

Brunch at the Ding Dong Café  
in Sauk Centre  
Saturday, October 12 @ 10:00



### Axe Throwing & Pizza

at Rendezvous Axe Throwing in Willmar  
Friday, October 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

### October Supper-Fellowship Outing:

Thursday, October 24th @ 6:00 p.m.  
Alley on Ash in New London.



Please remember to sign up if you can attend, as Marcia will need to make reservations. Thanks!

## Confirmation News

- Class at 6:00 (except no class on October 16)
- 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
- Smoke-Detector Battery Giveaway - Sat., Nov 2 @ 10:00 (This is a great family service project)



## Opportunities for Growth...



### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Every Sunday @ 9:00

Join us for coffee and God's Word

### Monthly Morning Women's Study:

October 9th @ 10:00

All women are welcome!



### Men's Study

Meets Tuesdays @ 6:30

(Come at 6:15 for food)

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

Read about Jesus in the Old Testament and about the life of the author of most of the books in the New Testament (Paul).

(Or listen to Pastor read the passages that point to Jesus and how God worked through the man we know as the Apostle Paul. 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 start practicing soon!



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That for a day: If there is a new typeface to be used for church bulletins, it should be called Baptismal Font.

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## Sunday School News..

Sunday School starts up again at 9:00 a.m., September 8 !

### Upcoming Classes:

- Sept. 29: Psalm 23:3 He Leads Me
- Oct. 6: Psalm 23:4 I Will Fear No Evil
- Oct. 13: Psalm 23:5 I Am Special
- Oct. 20: Psalm 23:6 Goodness and Mercy
- Oct 27: G.L.O.W. (Eph 5:18) "God Lights Our World"



## 3rd Graders Receive Bibles

During Worship October 20

- Brooklyn Johnson
- Aalejandra Medina
- Michael Miller

## Operation Christmas Child...



Operation Christmas Child kickoff is October 13th!

The congregation and the children are invited to participate in "Operation Christmas Child". Kick-off date for this mission will be Sunday, October 13, 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.samaritanspur.org](http://www.samaritanspur.org). Thank you for partnering with Samaritan's Purse, as we share God's love with children around the world

## Smoke-Detector Battery Outreach...

Our Annual Smoke-Detector Battery Giveaway

Saturday, November 2 @ 10:00 a.m.

Please join Pastor and the confirmation students in our annual community service project of handing out free smoke-detector batteries to folks who live near the church. (It's really fun to see the looks on people's faces when they find out that instead of asking for something, we are giving them something.



## 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 Due: October 10st
- 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 September we thanked God for...

- RALLY SUNDAY
- GRANDPARENTS
- FALL

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



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Thot for a day: I just got a present labeled, "From Mom and Dad," and you know for sure that Dad has no idea what's inside.

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LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

# PARENTS OF TEENS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents,

Youth Group so far has been a great success! I am so thankful to every parent that encouraged their teen to give it a chance. We started off by creating the building blocks of a successful Bible Study season- by making Faith Walk journals and bookmarks. We even added some books of the Bible tabs this week to help make literally looking up Bible verses a little bit easier.

Our first Bible Study focused on identity - how we try so hard to figure out who we are. Are we a basketball player, violinist, artist, ninja? and the list goes on. We spend so much time trying to figure out our human identity that we often forget our Christian identity. By accepting what God offers us through His son Jesus, by believing in who He says we are, and believing in the price He paid for us, we get to become a child of God and be part of His family. It's pretty powerful stuff.

Ephesians 2:10 reads "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." We are God's masterpiece, created with intention- on purpose, with purpose. Our children are God's masterpiece, created with intention- on purpose, with purpose. It is with this confidence that we can pray for our kids this week, praying that He would do immeasurably more in your child's life now, and in the future, than we could ever ask or imagine.

Thanks for letting me be a part of your lives. Getting to see the hearts of God's masterpieces each Wednesday at church has been the highlight of my week.


God's Peace,  
Becky



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**AWESOME THINGS  
IN THE WORKS**

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**Apologetics Youth Conference**



NOVEMBER 6-8, 2024 | HOSTED BY: GRACE CHURCH | REALITY@APOLOGETICS.COM/MN

This conference is intended for middle and high school students.  
 It is held this year at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.  
 We would leave Living Word church that Friday at 3:30, and return around 9pm that Saturday night. (This would interfere with Deer Opener.)  
 We would stay at a hotel that Friday night.  
 It is an apologetics conference that focuses on the evidence that YES indeed, God is real.  
 I have heard fantastic things and can't wait to experience it myself!  
 The youth group fund will cover all costs, so it is FREE!  
 Yes, they can bring a friend!  
 Please talk to Becky ASAP with any questions or if you'd like to sign up.  
 Check out their website for more details.

  
**AMAZING THINGS  
YOUTH HAVE DONE**

Helped Teach Sunday School

Helped be slides clicker on Sundays

Started School

Finished Trapshoot Nights for the summer

Grandparents Day Celebration



# October

## 2024




- 1 - Registration & First installment due for National Youth Gathering participants \$500
- 1 - 11am Congregation birthdays celebration at Sweet River Cafe
- 1 - Building Committee @ 5:30pm, asking for youth to attend as well
- 2 - 6pm Confirmation, 7pm Youth Bible Study
- 3 - Kala's Birthday!
  
- 6 - 10am Church with communion
- 9 - 6pm Confirmation
- 9 - 7pm Youth Group - service activity
- 11 - Alison's Birthday!
  
- 13 - 10AM Church - Pastor's Day!
- 13 - Mona kicks off Operation Christmas Child
- 16 - 6pm ~~Confirmation~~-MEA/No Confirmation
- 16 - 7pm ~~Youth Group~~-MEA/No Youth Group
- 18 - 6pm Congregation supper at Rendezvous Axe Throwing (meal for all, axes for 16+)
  
- 20 - 10am Church with communion
- 23 - 6pm Confirmation
- 23 - Youth Group
- 24 - 6pm Congregation supper @ Alley on Ash
- 24 - 6pm Youth Team Meeting @ church
- 26 - 10am Make-A-Meal, youth welcome to volunteer
  
- 27 - 10am Church with First Communion, Reformation Sunday
- 30 - 6pm Confirmation
- 30 - 7pm Youth Group

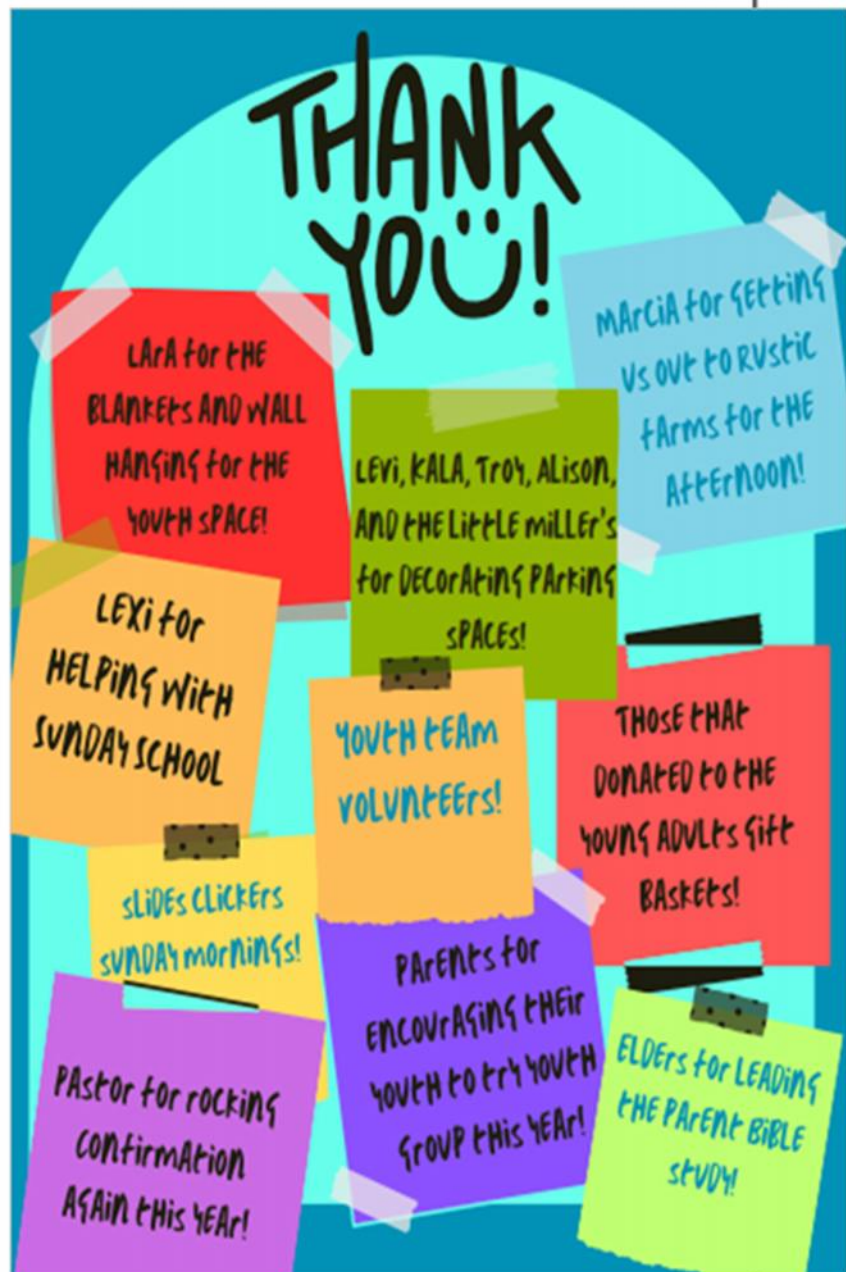


# November

## 2024



- 2 - Smoke Detector Battery Give Away 10am-noon, all youth invited
  
- 3 - 10am Church with Communion
- 6 - 6pm Confirmation, 7pm Youth Group
- 8-9 Reality Conference in Eden Prairie - FREE - talk to Becky if interested
  
- 10 - 10am Church
- 11 - Veteran's Day
- 13 - 6pm Confirmation, 7pm Youth Group
  
- 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!



## A Minute for Couples...

(from the Prepare-Enrich blog)



Kids are back to school, building a foundation of the skills and knowledge that will carry them through life. Often at the start of the year and at certain points throughout, teachers will dedicate time to reviewing what's already been covered. The purpose, of course, is to make sure students have the fundamentals down pat or that they're retaining information before moving on to something new. When it comes to your marriage, do you need a review?

Sometimes there is no substitute for getting back to basics – those fundamental things that make all the difference in the quality of your relationship. As we go about our daily lives, we sometimes lose sight of these things and fall into bad habits. Over time, you start to feel the effect – things are just off between you or it feels like you're in a rut. Not to worry! We've rounded up all the basics in one place, organized from A-Z.



**Appreciation:** Showing each other appreciation on a regular basis helps you both feel loved and cherished in your marriage. Focusing on what you appreciate about your spouse's personality can help shift your perspective when you're feeling annoyed with each other. Appreciation is also closely tied to gratitude, which can help decrease conflict and be better partners to each other.

**Assertiveness and Active listening:** These are the key components of good communication and the foundation on which many other relationship skills are built. Without them, resolving conflict becomes very difficult and resentment has a tendency to grow.

**Assessment:** Taking a relationship assessment might seem intimidating, but it shouldn't be! It's actually a great way to gain insight, learn about yourselves and each other, and grow as a couple. Even if you already took one when you were engaged, there are many big benefits to making it a regular thing.



**Balance:** A sense of balance is important in all areas of your life, including within your individual self and in your marriage. Without it, you can feel burnt out, out of sync, or like things are just not flowing as smoothly as they could.

**Boundaries:** Boundaries are protective barriers that we establish to protect our marriage from external factors that have the potential to disrupt



or damage the equilibrium of your relationship. These three types of boundaries touch on many areas of your life and are essential to maintaining that healthy sense of balance mentioned previously.



**Check-ins:** A relationship check-in is a designated time for you and your partner to touch base on the status of your relationship. You might talk about what's working or not working, how satisfied you both are in various areas of your relationship, express gratitude and appreciation, air grievances, or even just talk about your day.

**Communication:** It all comes down to communication. So many things feed into the quality of communication in your marriage, and that means there are many things that can derail it, too. While no one is perfect at it all of the time, being willing and intentional about working on it throughout your marriage will benefit your relationship greatly.

**Conflict Resolution:** Conflict is inevitable in marriage; what matters most is how you handle that conflict. There are many factors that affect how well you and your spouse manage your disagreements. Aside from always working on your communication, making these mindset shifts can make a huge difference in how you navigate your next fight.

**Connection:** Having a strong emotional connection to each other is a vital part of an enduring marriage. Without it, you're basically just roommates going through the motions. That said, it takes effort and intention to maintain this bond throughout the ups and downs and daily grind of life. The good news is it doesn't take hours every day to achieve.



**Date night:** Continuing to date your spouse might seem optional, but we think it's a must. It helps you nurture your connection and friendship, which ultimately keeps your marriage strong. The reality is, though, that prioritizing date nights consistently isn't easy. Put simply, it won't happen unless you make an intentional effort to make it happen.

**Defensiveness:** Defensiveness can be one of the biggest barriers to good communication and productively dealing with conflict. It often kicks off a cycle that can be hard to break – if one of you reacts defensively, the other is likely to follow suit.



**Empathy:** Seeing things from your partner's frame of reference increases your connection and does wonders for the way you communicate and resolve conflict, ultimately transforming your marriage.

**Expectations:** Unmet expectations are one of the most common causes of

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**Thot for a day:** All of us have moments in our lives that test our courage. Taking children into a house with a white carpet is one of them.

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conflict in marriage. When you understand this, you begin to see that you actually have control over your expectations – and adjusting or communicating them better can have a really positive effect on your relationship.



**Family:** Family can have a significant influence on your marriage, whether it's what you observed about marriage in your family of origin or dealing with complicated present-day family dynamics. Understanding this influence, learning to navigate these relationships, and setting healthy boundaries will benefit your marriage and family greatly.

**Flexibility:** Flexibility in marriage lends to a more resilient relationship. It enables you to bend – not break – in the face of life's inevitable adversity, stressors, or hardships.

**Forgiveness:** As imperfect humans, we make mistakes. We hurt our partner, even if it's the last thing we set out to do. That's why forgiveness is a crucial part of a lifelong marriage. It opens you up to the possibility of peace and growth, instead of letting your relationship become brittle and bogged down by the anger and resentment of those past wounds.

**Friendship:** Research shows that couples who share a deep friendship are often happier in their relationship. It makes sense – with friendship comes mutual respect, care and affection for each other. It helps you stay emotionally connected to each other and committed to your relationship.

*Stay tuned for parts 2 and 3 of our Relationship Basics series!*




## Email Humor...

### Erma Bombeck Quotes:

- When the going gets tough, the tough make cookies.
- If I had my life to live over I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.
- If the nest is truly empty, who owns all this junk?
- It's frightening to wake up one morning and discover that while you were asleep you went out of style.
- I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage.
- I worry about scientists discovering that lettuce has been fattening all along.
- For years, my husband and I have advocated separate vacations. But the kids keep finding us.

# October 2024 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

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| Sunday  | Monday         | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|----------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Sept 29</b><br>9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>- BIBLE STUDY<br><br>10:00 - SUNDAY SERVICE<br>11:15 - COFFEE FELLOWSHIP<br><br>1:00 - YOUTH BEAN BAG TOURNEY | <b>Sept 30</b> | <b>1</b><br>11:00 -<br>CELEBRATE<br>OCT BIRTHDAYS<br>@ SWEET RIVER<br><br>5:30 - BLDG TEAM<br>6:30 - MEN'S STDY | <b>2</b><br>6:00 - CONFIRMATION &<br>- PARENTS' CLASS<br><br>7:00 - YOUTH GROUP  | <b>3</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f4a460;"> <b>Lord's Supper Dates</b><br/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday, October 6th</li> <li>• Sunday, October 20th</li> <li>• Reformation Sunday, 27th</li> </ul> </div> | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>10:00<br>MEMBERSHIP<br>CLASS   |
| <b>6</b><br>9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>- BIBLE STUDY<br><br>10:00 - SUNDAY WORSHIP<br>w/Communion<br>11:15 - COFFEE FELLOWSHIP                             | <b>7</b>       | <b>8</b><br>6:30 - MEN'S<br>STUDY   | <b>9</b><br>10:00 - LWML &<br>WOMEN'S STUDY<br><br>6:00 - CONFIRMATION &<br>- PARENTS' CLASS<br><br>7:00 - YOUTH GROUP | <b>10</b><br>5:30 - ELDERS'<br>TEAM<br><br>6:30 - MMT<br>2025 PLANNING   | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b><br>10:00 -<br>BRUNCH @<br>DING-DONG<br>CAFE Sauk Centre                                |
| <b>13</b><br>9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>- BIBLE STUDY<br><br>10:00 - SUNDAY SERVICE<br><br>11:15 - COFFEE FELLOWSHIP<br>YOUTH CONCERT TRIP                 | <b>14</b>      | <b>15</b><br>6:30 - MEN'S<br>STUDY  | <b>16</b><br>NO CONFIRMATION THIS WK<br><br>7:00 - YOUTH GROUP   | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br>6:00 -<br>AXE<br>THROWING<br>& PIZZA @<br>Rendezvous<br>in Wilmar                        | <b>19</b><br> |
| <b>20</b><br>9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>- BIBLE STUDY<br><br>10:00 - SUNDAY SERVICE<br>w/communion<br><br>11:15 - COFFEE FELLOWSHIP                        | <b>21</b>      | <b>22</b><br>6:30 - MEN'S<br>STUDY  | <b>23</b><br>6:00 - CONFIRMATION &<br>- PARENTS' CLASS<br><br>7:00 - YOUTH GROUP                                       | <b>24</b><br>6:00 - FELLOWSHIP<br>SUPPER @<br>"ALLEY on ASH"<br><br>6:00 - YOUTH TEAM  | <b>25</b><br>    | <b>26</b><br>10:00 -<br>MEAL<br>MAKING   |
| <b>27</b> REFORMATION SUNDAY<br>9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>- BIBLE STUDY<br><br>10:00 - SUNDAY SERVICE<br>w/communion<br>11:15 - COFFEE FELLOWSHIP         | <b>28</b>      | <b>29</b><br>6:30 - MEN'S<br>STUDY  | <b>30</b><br>6:00 - CONFIRMATION &<br>- PARENTS' CLASS<br><br>7:00 - YOUTH GROUP                                       | <b>31</b>  | <b>Nov 1</b><br> | <b>Nov 2</b><br>10:00 -<br>SMOKE-<br>DETECTOR<br>BATTERY<br>GIVEAWAY                             |

## October 2024 - Daily Readings

This Month we finish readings about People in the Old Testament Whose Lives Point to Jesus. **We begin to read about THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL.**

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.**

Sept 29 Use today to Worship and catch up on readings you missed

Sept 30 2 Kings 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 1 Psalm 23 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 2 Daniel 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 3 Daniel 7:9-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 4 Jonah 1:17 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Oct 6 Use today to Worship and catch up on readings you missed

Oct 7 Acts 7:54-8:8 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Oct 8 Acts 9:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 9 Acts 9:10-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 10 Acts 9:19-31 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 11 Acts 11:19-30 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 13 Use today to Worship and catch up on readings you missed

Oct 14 Acts 12:25-13:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Recordings of the Daily Readings can also be found on our website at:

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

Oct 15 Acts 13:13-52 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 16 Acts 14:8-20 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 17 Acts 15:36-41 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 18 Acts 16:5-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 20 Use today to Worship and catch up on readings you missed

Oct 21 Acts 16:16-40 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 22 Acts 17:1-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 23 Acts 17:16-34 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 24 Acts 18:1-17 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 25 Acts 19:11-22 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 27 Use today to Worship - and catch up on readings you missed!

Oct 28 Acts 19:23-41 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oct 29 Acts 20:7-36 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Oct 30 Acts 21:37-22:29 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Oct 31 Acts 22:30-23:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nov 1 Acts 23:12-35 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 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

|        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| Oct 6  | Wendy & Lonny Robbin          |
| Oct 13 | Jason & Levi Miller           |
| Oct 20 | Pam Johnson & Linda Van Meter |
| Oct 27 | 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

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| Oct 6 , 13 | Kevin & Dan   |
| Oct 20, 27 | Scott & Steve |

### Custodian

|       |             |
|-------|-------------|
| Oct - | Joe Johnson |
| Nov - | Available   |

### Nursery

( Volunteers needed - please talk to Mona H.)

### Altar Guild

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| October | Mona Hjelle |
|---------|-------------|

### Power Point Clicker

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| Oct 6  | Carter |
| Oct 13 | Parker |
| Oct 20 | Ella   |
| Oct 27 | Troy   |
| Nov 3  | Open   |

### Accompanying Musicians

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| Oct 6  | Sharon Willen |
| Oct 13 | Scott Wachter |
| Oct 20 | Sharon Willen |
| Oct 27 | Scott Wachter |

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**Thot for a day:** Did you hear about the guy who made a fortune investing in apples? Turns out he was in cider trading.

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## Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in September on the **First and Third Sundays (6th & 20th)** as well as **Reformation Sunday (27th)**



### 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.

## Living Word Apparel...



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

*Seen on Church Signboards...*

**IF SATAN IS  
OFFERING A TREAT ...  
IT'S A TRICK !!!**

## October Discipleship Verse...



*"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."*

John 8:31-32

## "Beauty to Ashes" event...



Anyone interested in attending Atlas of West Central MN's "Beauty to Ashes" event?

WE WANT TO INVITE YOU TO ATLAS' 8TH ANNUAL BEAUTY FROM ASHES BANQUET AT THE WILLMAR CONFERENCE CENTER ON OCTOBER 11, 2024!

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT

JERRID SEBESTA WILL BE OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER THIS YEAR! FOR NEARLY A DECADE, JERRID SEBESTA HAS KEYNOTED IN FRONT OF 200+ AUDIENCES INSPIRING THEM TO LIVE WITH MORE URGENCY, LEAD WITH MORE DEDICATION AND GROW WITH MORE AUTHENTICITY. WE ARE BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH YOU TO TOUCH LIVES FOR CHRIST!

TICKETS ARE \$40 PER SEAT OR \$300 TO SPONSOR A TABLE OF 8

Contact Tammy Miller 320-905-2434 if interested in attending

## LWML News...

### LWML Meeting & Women's Study:

Wednesday, October 9th, at 10:00 a.m., at church.



### FALL "JOY SHOP"

Sunday October 6, 2024 at St Paul Lutheran Church, Granite Falls. See poster on the bulletin board at church for details



### 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.

## 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:

- People you can invite to any of our studies, events or outings
- Thanking God for the amazing Fall weather
- Safety- and continued good weather - during hunting and harvesting
- For the Holy Spirit to work through the teachers of our classes
- The Holy Spirit to bring growth through our Confirmation classes
- 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
- Asking God to open people's eyes to see that Jesus is what they need
- 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
- God's wisdom as we prepare to vote
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan and the Int'l Lutheran Council

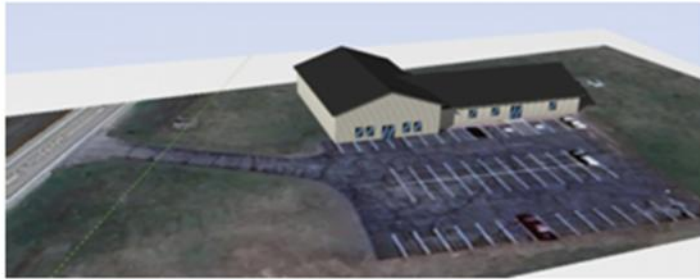
### "Participate" in Worship from home...

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 July 31):

- Remaining Balance of Mortgage on current building: \$10,500
- Balance in CDs dedicated to New Sanctuary: \$62,500

### OUR NEXT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING:

TUESDAY, October 1st @ 5:30 (Prior to Men's Study)

## More Email Humor (about kids)...

The doctor was giving the new mother instructions on the care of her first baby.

"Actually, it's quite simple," he said. "Just keep one end full and the other end dry and clean."

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It was one of the worst days of my life: The washing machine broke down, the telephone kept ringing, my head ached, and the mailman brought a bill I had no money to pay.

Almost to the breaking point, I lifted my one-year-old into his high chair, leaned my head against the tray, and began to cry.

Without a word, my son took his pacifier out of his mouth and stuck it in mine.



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That for a day: My goal this weekend is to move just enough so no one thinks I'm dead.

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## Email Wisdom...

### Jesus and Advertising Slogans

(Some of these are from a LONG time ago, but still appropriate to Jesus)

- Jesus is like Coke ... He's the real thing.
- Jesus is like Ford ... He has a better idea.
- Jesus is like General Electric ... He lights your path.
- Jesus is like Bayer Aspirin ... He works wonders.
- God is like Hallmark Cards ... He cares enough to send the very best.
- Jesus is like Tide ... He gets the stains out that others leave behind.
- Jesus is like V05 Hair Spray ... He holds through all kinds of weather.
- Jesus is like Dial Soap ... Aren't you glad you know Him? Don't you wish that everyone did?
- Jesus is like Alka-Seltzer ... Try Him, you'll like Him
- Jesus is like Scotch Tape ... You can't see Him, but you know He's there.
- Jesus is like Allstate... You're in good hands with Him.
- Jesus is like State Farm... Like a good neighbor, Jesus is there.
- Jesus is like American Express... Don't leave home without Him.
- Jesus is like Adidas... Impossible is nothing!



"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus...  
but not on Twitter."

## 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. 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 will get together to make more meals again on... Saturday, October 26 @ 10:00**

**Please join us for this fun and rewarding time.**

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That for a day: You ever take a nap so good that you thought you missed the school bus? But it's Sunday. And you're 46.

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## 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

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Address

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Telephone

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Email Address

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(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

## Email Inspiration...

The Berkeley Pit is a copper-mine-turned-toxic-lake located in Butte, Montana.

First established as a mining camp in 1864, the discovery of copper in the area in the early 1900s transformed Butte from a sleepy backwater into a bustling boomtown almost overnight.

After the end of World War II, however, demand for copper dropped precipitously and the mining company in Butte began losing money. Company executives got together – they had to come up with a better, faster, cheaper, more efficient way of getting the copper out of hill at the edge of town that they'd been mining for years.

They came up with "genius" level idea: rather than painstakingly digging shafts into the hill like they'd been doing for years, they said, "Let's just blow off the top of the hill and mine the copper from an open pit!"

That's what they did, and their strategy actually worked. They were able to keep their doors open until 1982, when economic forces conspired against them and they forced into bankruptcy.

On their way out of town, however, the company shut off the pumps they'd been using for years to keep water from collecting at the bottom of the pit. Slowly, over the course of years the water level at the bottom of the began to rise the pit.

Until, at 40 billion gallons, Berkeley Pit became one of the largest lakes in the United States.

A quirk of geology in the Butte, Montana region is that the ground is full of pyrite, a mineral better known to you and me as "fool's gold." It turns out though, when air, and water, and pyrite get together they produce... sulfuric acid!

So this ginormous lake, became a ginormous vat of sulfuric acid. And then, in turn, this acid, hastened the rate at which heavy metals in the copper ore left in the walls of the pit leached into the water so it became a toxic brew of acid and heavy metals.

One night in 1995, a great storm swept over the Butte, Montana region. As fate would have it, a flock of snow geese were passing over the Berkeley Pit just as the storm was its worst. Not knowing any better, they took refuge in its waters. When the residents of Butte woke up the next morning, they woke up to find the carcasses of 342 geese floating on the surface of Berkeley Pit.

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**Thot for a day:** I hate when people accuse me of lolly gagging when I'm quite clearly dilly dallying.

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Lab tests conducted by the State of Montana showed that their insides were lined with burns and festering sores from exposure to high concentrations of copper, cadmium, and arsenic in the water.

The Berkeley Pit was a pit of death, entirely inhospitable to life.

The Berkeley Pit's reputation was well known to area residents. That is why, several years after the 1995 geese incident, when someone walked into the biology department of the nearby University of Montana brandishing a slimy, algae covered stick – biologists there were surprised to learn it had been pulled from the Pit.

Somehow, somehow, life had found a way.

The researchers got curious. They had written off the pit for years because they believe it wasn't possible for anything to live in it. It turned out to be a kind of yeast that had the most remarkable property: it was absorbing the heavy metals from the water around it. It was acting like a sponge, soaking them in.

That's not all that exciting in and of itself. For years scientists and engineers have been using bacteria and other microorganisms to filter heavy metals out of contaminated water. Usually, these bacteria filter about 10-15% of heavy metals out of water.

But this black blob in this pit of death, however, was absorbing 85-95% of the heavy metals in the water around it. It was acting like a sponge, soaking them in, purifying the water. It would take in what was once a toxic brew, and transform it into drinkable, showerable, teeth-brushable water.

Obviously, the scientists were excited about this – it was an amazing find. They worked up a profile for it and ran it through their databases to see where else this yeast occurs in the natural world. Surely they weren't the first people to come across it.

And so they ran it through their databases and it returned just one hit. A single hit.

In all of the natural world, this yeast occurs in only one place: in the digestive tracts of geese.

Could there a more perfect illustration of how God's love works in our lives? I highly doubt it!

In Jesus' death on the cross we see the power of God's love to – like yeast – soak up human violence, brokenness, hatred, and division, and then purify it, transform it, and reorient it into new life. That's what Jesus' death and resurrection is all about: God's love can take what is the very worst in us and turn it to good.



## Monthly Music Videos...

August new music releases are a great mix of established CCM artists and up and coming new faces...

- I really like this new song from Brenneley Brown, "The Jesus I Know"... <https://youtu.be/-5ZelT7594E>
- The latest great song by Anne Wilson is "Stand"... <https://youtu.be/lcedC8cR7cM>
- Mac Powell released a new song called "Keep On Keepin' On"... <https://youtu.be/-0DOnhD6n9I>
- "My Hope Is Jesus" is a new release from Big Daddy Weave... <https://youtu.be/eaarR4M2d2w>
- "Jordans" is a new song from Blessing Offor... <https://youtu.be/iaRwa6eWRhc>
- "Unbelievable" is a great new release from Sidewalk Prophets, featuring Ben Fuller... <https://youtu.be/RuBggPaBAXA>
- The group MAVHOUSE released "Nobody But Jesus"... [https://youtu.be/-gxcG\\_ODPxc](https://youtu.be/-gxcG_ODPxc)
- "Crums From The Table" is a new song from Stephen McWhirter... <https://youtu.be/rAhPzclHkaQ>
- Josiah Queen released "A Life Worth Dying"... <https://youtu.be/m3q7hdmGIX0>
- Never thought I'd present a song by Justin Bieber, but here is "Jesus Died For Us"... <https://youtu.be/sahTiUvDKHQ>
- "What I Was Made For" is a new song from Rend Collective... <https://youtu.be/xhWrZ9oue0A>
- A Marvin Gaye type sound from Chad Cory & Zacardi Cortez on "My First Love"... [https://youtu.be/Add1Xr\\_K8nQ](https://youtu.be/Add1Xr_K8nQ)
- "All That Matters" is a new single from Skillet... <https://youtu.be/L7I9a3KM4Ms>
- "God Of This Place" is a new song from David Leonard... <https://youtu.be/QxRsk1Wppkw>
- New artist, Temitope released "This War is Not My Own"... <https://youtu.be/U9lPG3qWxbI>
- Finally, from country artist, Luke Bryan is "Jesus 'Bout My Kids"... <https://youtu.be/i9foyp9Pm-E>

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That for a day: If you clean a vacuum cleaner do you become a vacuum cleaner?

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## Story Behind The Song...

Reformation Sunday is coming up, October 27th.

One of the greatest hymns in our heritage of faith, 'The Church's One Foundation', was written in the 1860's by an Anglican parish priest and hymnodist, The Rev. Samuel Stone, near London, England. His great hymn was born out of a passionate defense of not only the poor and vulnerable, but also of his faith when halfway around the world a controversial Bishop in South Africa, John Colenso, was openly questioning Moses' authority of the first five books of the Bible. While Bishop Colenso was officially rebuked and disciplined, his controversial views on Biblical authority and the articles of the Apostle's Creed reverberated throughout the Church of England and the Anglican church in many countries causing confusion amongst the simpler worshippers of many parishes. Stone (Born in 1839) was also known to be a little menacing due to his athletic build and sometimes not so gentle way of dealing with inequity, including his confrontations with those he felt bullied and took advantage of others but his passion for defending the vulnerable never escaped his convictions and way of doing things.

Samuel Stone's response to this controversy was to write a series of hymns in a volume called the *Lyra Fidelium, Twelve Hymns on the Twelve Articles of the Apostle's Creed*, written to teach and to encourage his congregation to hold fast to the truths of our faith in the face of controversies. 'The Church's One Foundation' was written to embrace the ninth article of the Apostle's Creed, *I believe in the holy catholic church* . . . because as Samuel Stone saw the church being 'rent asunder by heresies oppressed' with someone else's confusing doctrine, he wanted his flock and the flocks of surrounding churches to continue to find comfort and surety in what the Apostle's Creed taught them as a spiritual device in navigating throughout life and deeper faith. He hoped that these hymns would help people to better understand the creed that they recited each time that they gathered but seldom understood. He hoped that they would hold up the conservative side of the controversy that was rocking the church. Of his *Lyra Fidelium* "The Church's One Foundation" remains the only hymn that continues to be loved and widely sung!

Stone's burning desire and conviction was for the church to remain unified as a temporal body here on earth in the midst of spiritual controversy. In his hymn, Stone connects the church on earth with the church triumphant. (Yet she on earth has union with God the three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.) He believed that the saints in heaven are encouraging the church by keeping watch as controversy within the church raged on below. This im-

agery continues to be meaningful today as we, too, see certain divisions in the church, in our world, through racial and political divide and brokenness in our lives. Stone's conviction and preaching was that the church should rest alone on the Lordship of Jesus Christ and not the distractions and messes by the interpretations of men.

Samuel Stone based his hymn of 1 Corinthians 3:11: "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." And his continual reference to the unity of Christ and the church as 'she' or 'her' implies an intimate relationship expressed in the image of the bridegroom and the bride where Christ is the bridegroom and we, the church are his bride. (Mark 2:19, John 3:29, Matthew 22:1-14)

The hymn tune for 'The Church's One Foundation' was composed by London born Samuel S. Wesley (born in 1810) who was the grandson of beloved hymn writer Charles Wesley. 'The Church's One Foundation' became extremely popular not only in the United Kingdom but throughout much of the world as it was translated into many languages to be sung by millions of believers throughout the world.

Originally, 'The Church's One Foundation' had seven verses, while we typically include five verses...

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

That for a day: I know a rancher who lets his cows roam anywhere they wish. He lets the chips fall where they may.

In reflection, there is no doubt that we struggle to reflect the love of Christ to the world in being faithful witnesses in a time of division in communities and in churches. but we still long for all to see peace and unity found in the living hope that we know in Christ. We are built on a firm foundation that is Christ Jesus and one day we will see 'the night of weeping become the morn of song rejoicing in the brilliant presence Jesus Christ!

A traditional rendition of this hymn at...

<https://youtu.be/w1YBYrJ8Hzg>

I like this slightly updated version at...

<https://youtu.be/GogSRrsN31s>

And a great acoustic version at...

<https://youtu.be/Trf7XfOvxaM>

The Family of God...

