

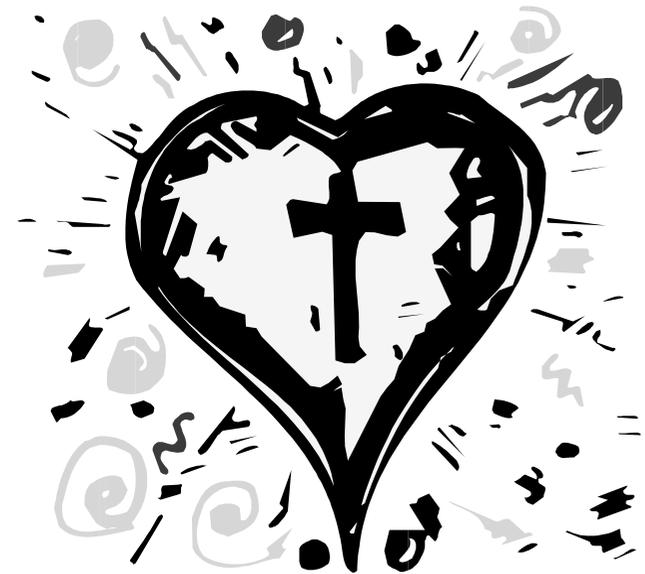


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Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

**October 2005
Newsletter**

“Communicating the Love of Jesus”



**Traditional Worship : 8:00 a.m.
Christian Growth Hour: 9:15 a.m.
Contemporary Worship: 10:30 a.m.**

What do we believe...

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Lessons from Bible Guys: Jehoshaphat - Part 2

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Last month we saw Jehoshaphat (one of the "good" kings of Judah) set us the example of the desire to continue to grow in our knowledge of God.

This month we see another example from 2 Chronicles 20:3

"Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord."

Several times we are told that Jehoshaphat, when faced with a decision, sought the Lord's guidance before making his decision.

His comment at the end of a prayer where he seeks God's guidance is particularly helpful for us: *"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."* Jehoshaphat admits that he doesn't know what to do, but he trusts that God *does* know what to do. Of course, God does know what to do and he showed Jehoshaphat.

How often do you automatically jump right in to tackle a problem or make a decision without consulting the Lord for his guidance? How often do you think you know the best thing to do in a certain situation - but you don't stop to ask if this is what God wants you to do?

We like to think we know what's best. But often we don't. God always does. What situation or decision are you faced with right now? Take a moment to follow Jehoshaphat's example and "inquire of the Lord." Then ask him to open your eyes to see the answer he gives - and to give you the courage to trust that God's answer is the right one.

"Are there dinosaurs in the Bible?"

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

in participating (or even organizing the effort) as we need a minimum of ten vehicles to make this work.

Help Out One Day at City Life Center

On Monday, October 3, we will travel to the City Life Center in Minneapolis to help out in whatever ways we can. City Life Center is a caring pregnancy center. Betty McGuire is the executive director. We will meet at the parking lot behind the Post Office in New London and leave for the Cities at 8:30 that morning. Please contact Violet Dauk for details.

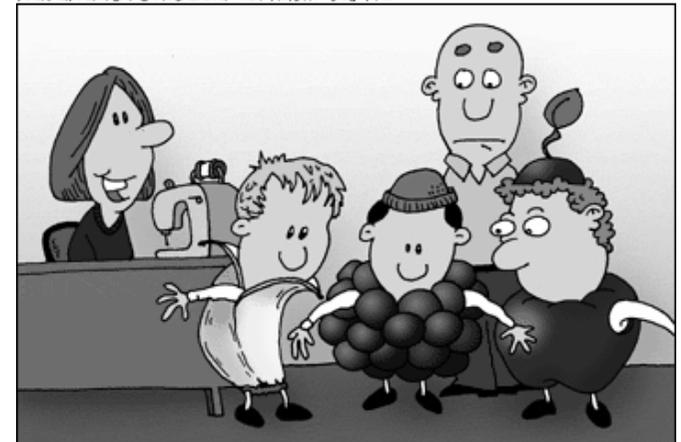
Coordinate our "Make-and-Take A Meal" Program

We are looking for someone to take over the coordination aspect. This position is responsible for collecting names of people going through a tough time (people who could use a meal). It is also responsible for contacting the people who have volunteered to make and take meals to let them know when a meal is needed. If you can serve the Lord in this position, please contact Tammy Fuglie. Thanks!

Help with Children's Church Once a Month

During the sermon message in the sanctuary, you will lead children in a Bible story, activity based on the story (e.g. coloring pictures) and prayers. Bible story and activity is provided. All you need to do is show up and lead the kids. Please talk to Violet Dauk if you can serve the Lord in this way..

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WELL HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT MAKING FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT COSTUMES

MORE Opportunities to “Share the Love of Jesus in Practical ways”...

Help Deliver Smoke Detector Batteries

Before going to sleep Saturday night, October 29 we will all turn our clocks back one hour. People are always reminded to replace their smoke detector batteries each year on “turn your clock back” day. But many (most?) don’t remember to do that. So, we will share the love of Jesus in a practical way by taking batteries around to the homes in our area from 10:00 to noon that day. We’ll also leave them a magnet reminder that God sent us Jesus to save us eternally.

Please join us at church at 10:00am for this special outreach.

Donate clothing /household items to Dakota Boys Ranch

The Dakota Boys Ranch is a place for troubled teens. They operate a used clothing store to provide funds for their programs. Please package up good used clothing that you no longer need. Members of “The Igniters” (our youth group) will come to pick up your donations on Wednesday, October 19.

Please call Bonnie Hansen for details on kinds acceptable household goods and to schedule a pick-up time.

Anyone for “Trunk or Treat ?”

This is a Halloween outreach idea we would like to try if there is enough interest. Here’s how it works:

Load up your trunk (or pickup or minivan) with the candy you would normally give away at your door on Halloween. Bring your vehicle full of candy to the church. We will park our vehicles in a semi-circle in the parking lot at church and the trick-or-treaters can come to one central location and go from “trunk to trunk” instead of house to house. We would plan this along with the Spicer business’ candy-giveaway.

We will also have special Christian items available for the trick or treaters. We might even give prizes for the best decorated trunk.

Please let Pastor David know if you would be interested

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This question comes because students (and adults) hear in church that God created animals and man at the same time (on the 6th day of creation). But in some science classes and elsewhere outside of church they hear that animals like dinosaurs roamed the earth - and became extinct - millions of years before humans evolved from monkeys. So, which is right? They can’t both be.

If God created human beings at the same time as he created the animals, we would expect that dinosaurs and humans lived at the same time. And if that’s the case, we might expect the Bible to mention dinosaurs, since they are such imposing creatures.

First off, if you grab a concordance (a huge book that lists all the words that occur in the Bible - and where they occur), you won’t find the word “dinosaur” in it. There’s a good reason: the last books of the Bible were written almost 2000 years ago. The word “dinosaur” was not coined until about 150 years ago when the first bones were discovered.

But if we look at a couple of chapters at the end of the book of Job, we learn about two creatures that sound a lot like the animals we now call “dinosaurs.”

“Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword.

(Did you notice God’s comment “which I made *along with you*” NOT “which I made millions of years before you evolved”)

Sounds an awful lot like God could be describing a brachiosaurus.

The NIV text note that says behemoth is likely an elephant or rhino is laughable. Those animals have tails like willow wisps, not like a cedar tree. (Remember the text is from God, the text *notes* were written in by the NIV editors)

From South Africa

THULA SIZWE ENSEMBLE



in concert at Faith Lutheran Church
310 Medayto Drive, Spicer, Minnesota

5:30pm - Saturday, October 15, 2005

Come and enjoy spirited and authentic music, song and dance by these ambassadors of peace and reconciliation!

Freewill Offering - Refreshments Following

Thula Sizwe - means Hush and Listen! "Where we are there is joy! We sing because we cannot imagine a life without song. We dance because we cannot imagine singing without dancing. Through our music we celebrate the rich diversity of the rainbow nation, and we sing for everyone- Hush and Listen!!"

WANTED...

The Alter Guild has asked members of the congregation, that would like to, bring or purchase flowers for the altar. It would be very much appreciated!

Talk to either Bonnie or Mona. Thanks!

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distributed to shelters and hostels hosting displaced children.

Organizations partnering with LHM in the distribution process include Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Social Services—Texas, Orphan Grain Train, Concordia Publishing House, and LCMS World Relief.

How It Works: Backpacks will be distributed for two different age groups. Choose an age range and fill a two-gallon freezer bag (i.e. Ziploc®) with items from the **school supply lists** and include a personal letter.

The supply lists are:

5-10 year old supply list

- 3 Spiral notebooks
- 1 pkg. Colored pencils
- 1 pkg. #2 Pencils
- 1 Pencil case
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Pencil eraser
- 1 Coloring book
- 1 Ruler
- 1 Glue stick
- 1 Toothpaste
- 1 Toothbrush
- 1 Age appropriate toy

11-16 year old supply list

- 3 Spiral notebooks
- 1 pkg. ballpoint pens
- 1 pkg #2 pencils
- 1 pencil case
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pencil eraser
- 1 highlighter
- 1 calculator
- 1 toothpaste
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 age appropriate "toy"

Please bring the supplies - along with your letter - in a 2-gallon freezer bag to church (or send it with your Sunday School student).

3. With Bibles for Hurricane Victims

The victims of Hurricane Katrina need food, water, and other necessary supplies, but they also need hope—a hope that can only be found in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Donate new and gently used Bibles to show those suffering that Jesus cares for them. **Simply bring your Bible to church. We'll mail them.**



I Corinthians 16:14

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Helping Hurricane Katrina Victims -

1. With our special offering and prayers

The Minnesota North District has joined with other Districts in the LC-MS to become partners in the response plan established by LC-MS World Relief/Human Care and the Synodical President’s office to provide care for the congregations and church workers in the Southern District.

Our district been assigned four retired pastors from the Gulf Coast area whom we ask you to pray for in your personal prayers.

The four pastors are:

Rev. Del Gremmels,
Rev. Wes Kuhn,
Rev. Ed Tippin and
Rev. Charles Truax.

Our hurricane Katrina special offering (\$1500) will be sent to the district for distribution to these retired pastor’s to help with the rebuilding of their homes.

The district will keep us informed about other opportunities to assist these pastors in their recovery from the hurricane. Until that time, please keep these pastors and their families in your prayers.

2. With “Backpacks for Kids”

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is teaming with other Lutheran organizations, churches, and schools to provide spiritual and physical relief to children affected by Hurricane Katrina.

LHM’s **Backpacks for Kids** program will fulfill a physical need by giving a backpack, school supplies, and an age-appropriate toy to children displaced by the hurricane. In addition, LHM will include age-appropriate Christian inspirational materials with a Gospel message of hope with each bag. **Backpacks for Kids** addresses the children’s spiritual and material needs. **Backpacks for Kids** will be



MMT minutes...

August 18th.

This was the first meeting that the MMT had taken over the Treasurer's position. Dan went over the report and bills were made out. We went over Board reports--

Education: Bonnie went over the challenges of Sunday School. There were many changes over the year--the move, change in worship time and the loss of Superintendent. We need consistency in attendance and coming on time.

Outreach: Have the golf outing and block party coming up and reviewed outreach from county fair.

Things that need to be completed before the end of year are, Articles of Incorporation and 501 3-C Non-Profit Status. Also need to establish Finance and Building Teams, complete a land purchase and erect a future sign. Also need to focus on attendance, congregational outreach and the youth. We need to determine better financial communication to members. Also are working on a calendar of events thru October 2006.

September 15 MMT meeting.

Went over Treasurer's report and bills were made out. Will look into finding a cheaper rate for our liability insurance on the school building. Moved on to Board reports.

Congregational Outreach: Tammy Miller said that tickets had been distributed for Mexican Fiesta and things going well.

Community Outreach: Rally Day held Sept. 11th. Oct. will do the Battery Giveaway.

Elders: Duane brought up the question "Can we have the Living Nativity on School grounds?" Will call the school.

A few other highlights from the meeting. Will try to make this the best year for Sunday School and to encourage the kids to bring friends. Ryan would like to promote the Men's Bible Study that meets once a week. We will be gathering goods for the Dakota Boy's

Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday 9:15 -10:15

Sunday School Classes: 3 years to 9th grade

Adult Study: "God's Grace in the 60's"

This month we look at four events of the 60's that have shaped our society for the past four decades. We'll God's guiding presence leading us through the changes and challenges we face today as a result of those 60's events.

Monday:

Women's Bible Study 11:00 - noon

Starting October 10: "Breaking Free": An in-depth, Beth Moore study designed to help us break free of the "strongholds" that keep us from experiencing the blessings God has planned.

What do Missouri Synod Lutherans Believe

6:30 pm starting Oct 3

Find out (or refresh your memory) what our church believes about God, the Bible and current issues. This class serves as the instruction class for those interested in discipleship (membership) at Living Word

Tuesday:

Prayer and Bible Study - Noon

Join us for a great time of fellowship and walking through books of the Bible. We learn what it means to be righteous in the book of Romans.

Men's Group - 7:00 p.m.

Is God really our father? Study of 1 John

Wednesday:

4th-6th Graders: The "Living Word All Stars" -6:00 p.m.

Join us at 6:00 for a light supper followed at 6:30 by lots of fun growing closer to Jesus.

7-8th Graders: Confirmation classes - 6:00 p.m.

We get to know God by reading His Diary (the Bible) Join us at 6:00 for a light supper before we study at 6:30

9th Graders: 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a light supper at 6:00. We study at 6:30 how to become "Just Like Jesus". After that we help out with All Stars 4 Jesus

10-12 Graders: 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we take a look at God's guidance for the issues facing High Schoolers today.

Ranch Wed. Oct 19th.

Our next MMT meeting will be October 20, 7:00 P.M. Will be going over the Budget for 2006 and finalize the agenda for the Fall Voter's Meeting which will be October 30th at 9:15 between the two services. 2 Critical Factors that need to be worked on are to fill the Stewardship Position and find a Music Coordinator. Everyone went over their calendar of events and will present it to the voter's in October. The Christmas Pageant day and time has not been set.

October Discipleship Verse...



Bible Study for Women...

Breaking Free

A new Bible Study for Women - **Revised start date: Monday, October 10.**

Breaking Free is an in-depth study by Beth Moore that will take you on a journey unlike other Bible studies you may have been involved in. In Beth Moore's previous studies people like David or Paul have been the main characters. This time *you* are the subject. The journey is yours.

Each of us are products of things that have happened to us in the past. But we don't have to let those past events, people or influences keep us "locked up" for the rest of our lives. We will look to God's Word - focusing on the book of Isaiah - for answers on how to break free of the things that hold you captive.

Breaking Free is an 11-week study that includes both personal, daily assignments and weekly group sessions (Mondays from 11-noon). In the group sessions we will view Beth Moore's video lectures and discuss what we have learned from God's Word about removing the obstacles that get in the way of our relationship with God. The study includes a workbook (cost \$20)

Please talk to Shelli Block (354-2594) if you have questions. Otherwise, just come to Living Word at 11:00 on

"God's Grace in the 60's"

The events and philosophies of the 1960's have influenced our country and our lives maybe more than any other decade.

Often there are uncanny parallels between Scripture and the events of history. As we review the 60's we'll note a close parallel to the church of Thyatira described in Revelation 2:18-28. The sixties was a decade of sexual permissiveness and dissension with the established way of doing things. Young people often rebelled against the values of a past generation, abandoning the religious beliefs and standards of their parents. Warnings were given but ignored, much as they were ignored by those in the church of Thyatira.



Each Sunday from **September 18 through October 23** (six weeks) we will take a look at some of the most important events and philosophies that came out of the 60's. We'll see how those events and philosophies have shaped the world we live in today. Most importantly, we'll see how God has used those events in our lives and look to His guidance for the future.

- October 2: **Vietnam and the Cold War**
- October 9: **Beatlemania and "The Andy Griffith Show"**
- October 16: **Free Love and Drugs**
- October 23: **"Fly Me to the Moon"**

For those of you who lived through the 60's this will be a "trip down memory lane." For those born after the 60's it will be a great chance to understand the influences that made our society what it is today.

Please join us at **9:15** for coffee, baked goods and our study of "God's Grace in the 60's"

THE revolve TOUR

New! Exciting!

Music * Drama * Speakers * Fun

This event is specifically designed for teen girls, 7th - 12th grades. (Sorry, Mom, this one isn't for you - but you're welcome to come with your daughter.) Sponsored by Women of Faith, but you won't see our regular speakers there - instead we've asked our coolest and hippest young friends to join us...

Friendships

Friends are sooo important! If only they came with guarantees. Hear how to make the most of your friendships, and how to handle it if one goes bad



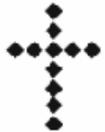
It's A Guy Thing

What do guys really think? Why do they say what they say? We hear 'em, but what do they mean? We've got the honest truth from a guy about the view from 'the other side'



Real Faith Meets Real Life

Our speakers are real - and they've got real-life experience to share with you. Stuff you can pack in your spiritual survival kit to successfully navigate your own life journey.



What I Think About Me

We've all got it in us to be confident, act confident. But where does self-esteem come from? From 'how to think' to 'who to believe', we'll help you find and appreciate the real, wonderful you.



Find out more at <http://www.revolutour.com>

Group leader:	Shelli Block phone# 320-354-2594
event date:	November 4-5, 2005
event time:	to be announced
event city:	Minneapolis, MN
cost:	to be determined (depends on how many go)
sign up time:	IMMEDIATELY

What Do Missouri Synod Lutherans Believe ?

Pastor is planning a class that covers the basics of our faith. We'll answer questions like the ones listed below. We'll also attempt to answer whatever other specific questions you have about what we at Living Word believe.

- What do we believe about God ?
- What do we believe about prayer ?
- What are the goals of Living Word?
- What do we believe about the Bible ?
- What is the purpose of the Church ?
- What do we believe about heaven and hell ?
- What do we believe about sin and forgiveness?
- What do we believe about creation and evolution?
- What do we believe about baptism and communion?
- What do we believe about eternal life - who will get it and how?
- What do we believe about current issues facing Christians - like abortion and same-sex marriages?

This class also serves as the instruction class for those interested in discipleship (membership) here at Living Word.

The first class will be Monday, October 3, from 6:30 - 8:30.

Please talk to pastor if you have questions about the class or would like to attend.

A big thank you to everyone who helped in anyway with the Mexican Fiesta!! It was very easy finding help this year! It made me very proud to be a part of a church that is so willing to pitch in and help, so thank you, thank you, thank you! Tammy Miller



Everyone who sold tickets for the Mexican Fiesta Dinner, please turn your money into Tammy Miller ASAP! Thrivent is matching funds and it needs to be turned in immediately, Thanks!

October 5-Minutes-a-day Devotional Readings

This Month's Readings: The start of "Bible Overview in 125 readings (plus Psalm & Proverb)

(Read the major passages of the Bible along with the confirmation students)

- Oct 2 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
- Oct 3 Genesis 1:1-2:3 _____
- Oct 4 Genesis 3:1-24 _____
- Oct 5 Genesis 6:9-7:24 _____
- Oct 6 Genesis 8:1-9:17 _____
- Oct 7 Genesis 11:1-9 _____
- Oct 8 Psalm 1 _____

- Oct 9 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
- Oct 10 Genesis 12:1-9 _____
- Oct 11 Genesis 17:1-22 _____
- Oct 12 Genesis 22:1-14 _____
- Oct 13 Genesis 25:19-34 _____
- Oct 14 Genesis 27:1-46 _____
- Oct 15 Psalm 2 _____

- Oct 16 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
- Oct 17 Genesis 37:1-36 _____
- Oct 18 Genesis 41:1-57 _____
- Oct 19 Genesis 45:1-28 _____
- Oct 20 Exodus 1:8-2:10 _____
- Oct 21 Exodus 3:1-4:17 _____
- Oct 22 Psalm 4 _____

- Oct 23 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
- Oct 24 Exodus 5:1-6:1 _____
- Oct 25 Exodus 12:1-36 _____
- Oct 26 Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33 _____
- Oct 27 Exodus 13:17-14:31 _____
- Oct 28 Exodus 16:1-36 _____
- Oct 29 Psalm 8 _____

- Oct 30 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
- Oct 31 Exodus 20:1-21 _____

Important Insights from the readings:

October Living Word Lutheran Church - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>8:00 - Traditional Worship w/ L.S. 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Bible Study "God's Grace in the 60's" 10:30 - Contemporary Worship w/ Lord's Supper</p> <p>noon - leave for "Islam - Gift of God or Satan" @ Montevideo</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Women's Service Project: City Life Center Leave @ 8:30 from NL Post Office parking lot</p> <p>6:30 Class "What Does The Missouri Synod Believe?"</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Noon - Prayer</p> <p>12:15 - Bible Study - Romans @ Glen Oaks Apts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 Meal 6:30 All Stars 4 Jesus 7-8th Confirmation 9th Grade Conf. 7:30 10-12th Gr. Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 - Elders Team</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p>
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