



Three "Can we..." questions:

Can we start gathering the offering during worship again? (Instead of just having a basket by the door)?

This question came up during our May Elders' meeting. Gathering offerings and bringing them to the altar during worship is a great way to remind us that God is the Giver of all that we have. It's a way of acknowledging that we aren't just giving money to support the congregation, rather we are presenting our offerings as a way of saying "Thanks" to God for everything He's given us.

We quit gathering offerings during worship three years ago as a covid precaution. Since those protocols are no longer in effect, we can certainly begin "passing the plate" during worship. This means we have a need for more ushers to gather the offering and bring it to the altar. It's a simple way for families (or spouses) to serve the Lord together. Please talk to me if you have any questions or just sign up at church.

Can we get After-worship Fellowship going again?

One of the other "ruts" we got into during covid was not getting together after service for coffee and conversation with other members of our church family. It's really tough to say much more than "Hi, how are you doing?" during "share the peace" time during worship. Having time to sit down after the Sunday service gives us a much better chance to connect with each other, so, yes, we will be having a dedicated time of fellowship after service.

Some of you had signed up quite awhile ago to bake cookies for fellowship time. We have "ready-to-bake" cookies you can take home to bake. Mona Hjelle volunteered to coordinate this after-service fellowship during the summer, so if you signed up to bake cookies, she may be checking with you soon.

Can I text or email people on a daily basis with a link to an audio recording of a daily reading/devotion?

This was an "Is this possible?" type of question that I actually asked. In the sermon on May 21, I suggested making a conscious decision to spend 10-15 minutes a day growing your faith over the summer. (Kind of like I had to make a conscious decision to spend 15 minutes a day in my garden, watering and pulling weeds.) I thought it might help to get a Bible passage you can just click on and listen instead of having to look up one.

I think I figured out how to do this, so if you haven't signed up already for a daily audio reading, you can still do so! We'll be going through Jesus' parables during the month of June. They will also be listed on our Daily Readings page of the Newsletter as well as at livingwordlutheran.net

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net