

# LIVING WORDS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

## LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Lent is the period of forty days (excluding Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by Christians as a season of pondering our bondage to sin and the radical action God has taken to save us from sin and death in Jesus the Messiah. We do not focus on our own "good work" of the Lenten fast, but on God's saving work for us in Jesus' atoning death on the cross and resurrection. We will once again serve supper at the church at 5 PM on the five Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday, with services at 7 PM. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade confirmation students will be required to attend worship and complete sermon notes.



### Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday

7 PM – Worship: Confession, Imposition of Ashes, Communion

### Wednesday, March 13

5 PM – supper  
7 PM – Worship

### Wednesday, March 20

5 PM – supper  
7 PM – Worship

### Wednesday, March 27

5 PM – supper  
7 PM – Worship

### Wednesday, April 3

5 PM – supper  
7 PM – Worship

### Wednesday, April 10

5 PM – supper  
7 PM – Worship

### Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday

8:45 AM – Sunday school  
9 AM – Coffee Fellowship  
10 AM – Worship

### Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday

7 PM – Worship, Absolution/First Communion

### Friday, April 19 – Good Friday

8 PM – Tenebrae Worship

### Sunday, April 21 – Easter

No Sunday School  
10 AM – Worship/communion

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Bowling, January 2019

The New Year has begun and we are back in full swing after the Christmas break.

Sunday school is back in session on Sunday mornings and Confirmation on Wednesday nights. The senior high have started meeting on Wednesday nights at our house and we love meeting weekly. We had fun playing a mean game of "I doubt it" and "slap jack" followed by a devotion and prayer time and of course pizza. We will continue meeting Wednesday nights until Lent starts. Then we will have to switch back to Sundays after church because of the Wednesday evening services. We will continue to meet at our house.

On Saturday, February 9 we will be going **SKIING AT ANDES TOWER HILLS** in Alexandria. This is a family event so come and enjoy the day on the slopes. Come even if you don't ski. We will be going later in the day to get the \$20 rate from 3:30-8:00 PM. We need at least 10 in our group to get the rate but I don't think that will be a problem. I will be making reservations soon so start marking that date on your calendar and let me know if you are interested. Feel free to invite a friend!

# YOUTH NEWS

Start looking ahead to the **RECHARGE WEEKENDS** at Okoboji Bible Camp and consider going. The dates for the 4-5th graders are April 26-28, April 5-7 for the 6-8th graders, and March 29-31 for 9-12th graders. I hope you prayerfully consider going for a weekend retreat. It is a wonderful time to "recharge".

Let's make 2019 a year of putting Jesus first, and finding new and exciting ways to honor Him with our whole heart.

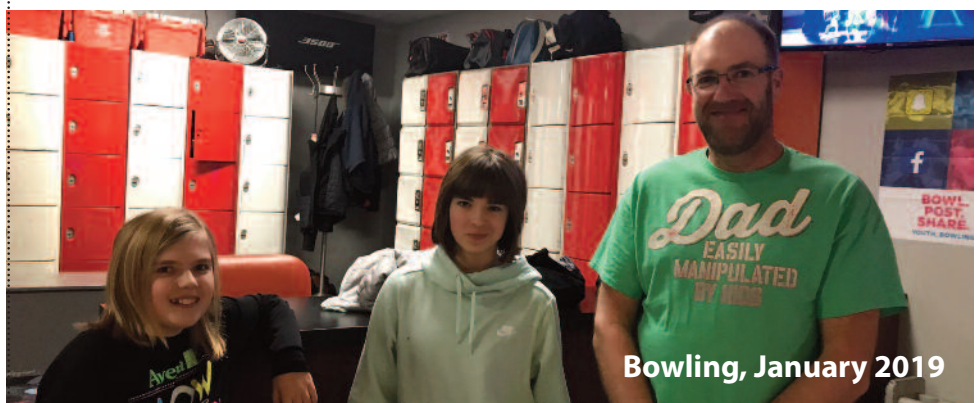
"Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

*Grow in faith and impact the world for Christ!*

**Kay**



Bowling, January 2019



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## WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD

Valentine's Day is drawing near. Valentines will be chosen, flowers arranged, and chocolates carefully wrapped to be given to that special loved one. God's gift of love is a gift that is everlasting and has already been given to us.

*No one has ever seen God,  
but if we love one another,  
God lives in us and  
His love is made complete in us.*

1 JOHN 4:12 /NV

In February, **CIRCLES** will be studying Session Five, "The Story of Ruth" which fits in with our February theme of love. We will learn of Ruth's love and loyalty for her mother-in-law. Circles meet the third Tuesday of each month. Our next circle meeting will be February 19 at 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM. Circles usually meet at the church and all women of Living Word are invited to attend. Mary/Martha Circle will provide cookies to Milbank Care and Rehab for the month of February.

The **MISSION PROJECTS** that we will be focusing on for the month of February are the pillowcase dresses and St. Francis House, in Sioux Falls, SD with requested items listed in the January 20 church bulletin.

The **MITTEN TREE** was a considerable success this



past Christmas thanks to Gloria Cooley and Karen Kiefer. 49 pairs of gloves, 3 scarfs, 9 cap and glove sets, 14 pairs of socks, 13 pairs of mittens and 24 caps were delivered to the Grant County Court House for those in need. Thank you to all who so generously gave to this much needed project.

March 5, 11:30 AM we will be having our **QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING.**

We will be having a soup luncheon, tea cups and hats. Be prepared to have a fun afternoon. It's never too early to start thinking about those Easter bonnets. Spring is coming isn't it? Everyone is welcome to come and wear a favorite hat and sip tea/coffee from your special tea cup while enjoying delicious soups.

I want to extend my sincere **THANKS** to all the Living Word women who serve as officers, mission areas and lovingly volunteer for special projects. You are much appreciated!

God bless all the women of Living Word as we grow in Christ and become strong and faithful women following our Lord on the path He has set before us.

**Roslyn Reich**  
LWLW Coordinator



# OPEN AND SHUT

*Luke 24:31-35*

*"...And he disappeared from their sight." (v. 31)*

One cannot come to faith once and for all and then neglect it. One needs to continue in faith. The two men on the road to Emmaus came to faith in a Christ who was alive. Their blind eyes were opened through Jesus speaking the Word and through the breaking of the bread. Yet as soon as they saw Christ, he disappeared. Then they immediately went to Jerusalem and "assembled together" with the believers there.

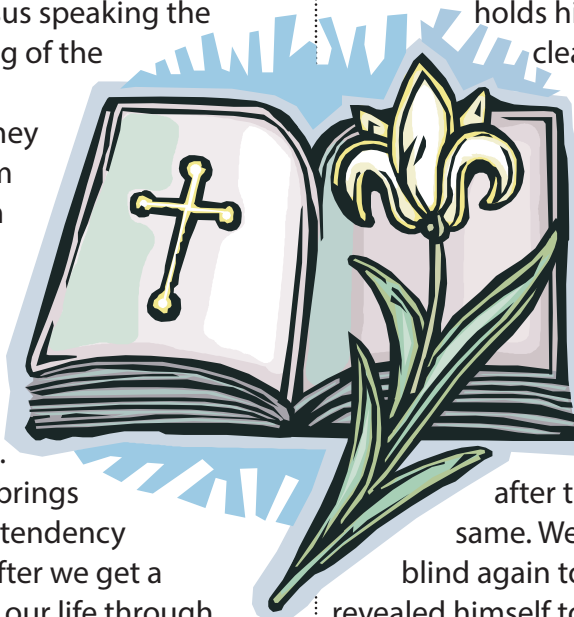
Martin Luther states, in his exposition on Psalm 90, that all people are blind to God. Only the Spirit through the gospel can heal that blindness. Yet, when the Great Physician brings sight from darkness, a chronic tendency toward blindness continues. After we get a glimpse of Christ's presence in our life through his Word, he disappears again from our sight. There are times when we truly see his hand in our lives or see him move through our prayers. A healing, a

sense of peace at a hectic time, or a coincidence too big to ignore can be times we see him. As the gospel is proclaimed in the community we may know he is there, just as a newborn infant knows his mother holds him even though he cannot see clearly and she does not speak.

These profound experiences of seeing are the exception, not the rule. God may appear to us in clear and exciting ways, but then he disappears. That's why we need to surround ourselves with the Word and Sacrament in the community.

As the two men "assembled together" with other believers

after they saw Jesus, we need to do the same. We do so, so that we will not grow blind again to him who has so graciously revealed himself to us. We cannot trust our experience of seeing. We need to trust the Spirit who through the Word keeps our eyes open to our Lord who walks intimately with us.



*Thank you, Lord, for the Christian friends that have encouraged my faith through the years. Thank you for others who have told me about you and through whom you have given me eyes to see you better. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## COUNCIL MINUTES



**Living Word Lutheran Church Council Minutes, January 9, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tim DeJong, Larry Olson, Roger Christensen, Roslyn Reich, Pastor Kent, Howard Heinje, Lance Bien, Jerry Brown and Vicki Strege. Pastor Kent opened the meeting with prayer. Tim DeJong made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting and it was seconded by Jerry Brown.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Motion made by Larry Olson and seconded by Roslyn Reich to approve the Secretary's report. Secretary's Report approved.

**TREASURE'S/FINANCE REPORT:** Jerry Brown made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Lance Bien seconded. It was noted in the report that the repair of the parking lot caused the budget to be slightly over what was originally projected, otherwise the projected expenditures were right on track.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Kent reported that the Wednesday night services would be canceled. Midweek services would resume for Lent on March 6, 2019. During the summer months there were around 40 people in attendance and that dropped off during the fall and winter months. Wednesday night services will begin again in the summer of 2019.

Pastor Kent reported that he will be attending a spiritual life conference in Phoenix on January 23 and is unable to get a flight back to SD in time for the January 27 Sunday service. Brian Sandvig will preach about our project of Impacting the World during the Sunday school hour as well as in the church service.

Pastor talked about the importance of visiting members who are in the hospital and will be visiting several members in various hospitals who are undergoing extensive medical treatments. He is grateful to Roslyn Reich who continues to visit members in their homes and living centers when he is unable to do so.

The Barlund Fund was discussed and the family has indicated that the interest income from their gift be spent on items such as conferences and marriage retreats, things that will make a difference in the lives of the members of the church. A report will be given to the family each year as how the money was spent.

It was reported that the church has \$150,000 in their savings account. Pastor is suggesting that \$100,000 be kept in savings and \$50,000 be spent for projects that will make a difference in lives of people in Milbank and throughout the world. Pastor reported that this is the first church that he has served in that has this amount of money in savings and that spending some of it would be a proper way of serving God and those in need. All of the money, \$32,000, needed to complete the Impact the World projects has been collected and will be sent after the voter's meeting on January 13. The total amount given is \$14,000 over the amount voted on at the voter's meeting in November. To round out the mission project a mission trip to Vietnam is being planned for this summer. There are 3 slots available and those 3 slots will be funded at 80% by the church and if necessary fundraisers will be held to raise the other 20% so that members are able to attend. It was noted that there are 3 types of envelopes for giving to the church, the general offering, the building fund and the Impact the World Fund.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REPORT:** Craig Weinberg from VPD Studios attended the meeting and gave a report about the purchase of video equipment for the church. Craig talked about purchasing a package of equipment that can be added on to and won't become

outdated and need replacement. This system has a brain, controllers and cameras. This system would allow the congregation to live stream services, record services for YouTube, and access channels. The system will be set up so one individual can operate it. The all in budget for this is approximately \$16,000. This amount of money would purchase the brain and the controller for \$10,000 and each camera for the system would be between \$3,500 - \$5,000. The more expensive camera would have remote automatic follow system to allow for a better coverage of the service. Craig will put together various purchase packages comparing the various costs.

A motion was made by Larry Olson and seconded by Tim DeJong to approve the contract for lawn mowing services with Kelly Cutters with no increase in fees from last year. It was noted that for snow removal Dewey's Landscaping Service should be called each year for continued service.

**WORSHIP & EVANGELISM REPORT:** Craig Weinberg has agreed to take pictures and compile a church directory for LWLC. LWLC invites everyone who regularly attends services here as well as members to have their picture taken for the directory. There is no cost to have pictures taken; however, members may purchase pictures if they wish to do so. There will be no pressure to purchase pictures. Pictures will be taken on April 24 and 25 from 10 AM to 8 PM and also be taken again on May 10 and 11 as needed. Those unable to take pictures on any these dates may go to the studio for picture taking. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the church sometime in early April.

Tim, Jerry and Roger will do communion on February 3. Larry will help out Roslyn with communion on February 10.

New members will be received into the congregation Sunday, February 17, and on February 16 there will be an orientation meeting with pizza served. Pictures of new members will also be posted in the church so as to help everyone to become acquainted.

Council members are reminded to gather for prayer in pastor's office 10-15 minutes before the worship service begins each Sunday.

**YOUTH AND EDUCATION REPORT:** In December our church youth, ages preschool through high school, put on a Christmas Program titled, "Jesus... The Light of the World." They shared songs, poems, puppets, and scripture readings in a beautiful service. Kay and Pastor Kent had Christmas parties with both middle and high school students. High School Sunday school will be starting up again in the coming weeks, as well as HS Youth Group at the Groethe's home on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM.

A youth ski trip is being planned for early February. Kay will be taking kids to weekend camps in March and April. She also would like to take senior high students to New Mexico for a life changing Christian camping experience. If possible arrangements for another similar camp in St. Cloud could be made.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The congregational meeting will be held before services on January 13 at the beginning of the service with the announcements for the purpose of approving the expenditures for Impact the World Program.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The placement of a cross in the front of the church was discussed. It is still a work in progress with hopes of getting the project completed in the near future.

Roslyn Reich reported that the committee of kitchen workers that she consulted suggested that instead of just adding new dishes to the old set of dishes, (which were a gift from a church in Bellingham, MN) for a total of 200, that an entire new set of 200 place settings be purchased. Roslyn and the committee are looking into this matter at restaurant supply services. Sufficient money has been budgeted for this purchase.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Olson and seconded by Lance Bien. The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted, Vicki Strege*

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 8:45 Sunday School 8:45 Adult Education 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Communion	<b>4</b> 5:30 CBS Leaders meet 7:00 CBS	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 Searcher's Bible study 1:30 Prayer time 3:30 - 5:00 Confirmation/Jr. High Youth Group 5:00 Puppet Practice 6:00 - 7:30 Sr. High Youth Group 6:30 Choir	<b>7</b> 9:00 - 10:30 Community Coffee Fellowship - Open to the public 6:30 LWLW Executive Board meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 3:30 Ski Trip at Andes Towers - Family event
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<b>17</b> <b>New Member Sunday</b> 8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:00 March Servant Team meets 10:00 Worship	<b>18</b> 5:30 CBS Leaders meet 7:00 CBS	<b>19</b> 7:30 Dawn Circle at the church 9:00 Faith Circle at the church 9:00 Mary/Martha Circle meet at the church 3:00 Love Circle at the church	<b>20</b> 9:00 Searcher's Bible study 1:30 Prayer time 3:30 - 5:00 Confirmation/Jr. High Youth Group 5:00 Puppet Practice 6:00 - 7:30 Sr. High Youth Group 6:30 Choir	<b>21</b> 9:00 - 10:30 Community Coffee Fellowship - Open to the public	<b>22</b> <b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE</b>	<b>23</b>
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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Scott Leininger (b.)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Kaitlyn Brook (b.) Brenda Dahle (b.)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Linda Larson (b.) Larry Olson (b.)	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Rhonda Beckman (b.)	<b>14</b> Julie Berger (b.)	<b>15</b> Glenn & Joanne Nelson (w.)	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Don Buth (b.) Carol Hollquist (b.)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Marty Buttke (b.)	<b>21</b> Sally Heinje (b.)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Richard Kennedy (b.) Annette Redepenning (b.)
<b>24</b> Jordan Busack (b.)	<b>25</b> Kristi Schladweiler (b.)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Rena & Timothy Ramsey (w.) Angela Varpness (b.)	<b>28</b> Jack & Susan Hippen (w.) Brian Sandvig (b.)		