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JUNE/JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER



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THE 2017-18
SCHOOL YEAR!



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COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Return to Jerusalem

Living Word Lutheran Church will again be the host church for Community Bible Study during the 2018-19 class which will begin September 17. A 30-week course titled "Return to Jerusalem" will be studied.

The first few lessons will give those attending the Old Testament background to the study of Israel's return from Babylonian exile. Seeing God's mercy and faithfulness to His people helps us to see His faithfulness in our lives as well. The big picture of God's work in history will be evident as students make their way through Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Numerous servants of God in these books are inspiring examples.



COMMUNITY
BIBLE STUDY

CBS plans to have morning groups meeting at the Grant County Library as well as the Monday night groups at LWLC. CBS is an in-depth non-denominational

study which welcomes men and women of all ages. Those with no Bible knowledge to those who have studied the Bible for many years will be comfortable in the small groups.

Registration forms are available on the back table and can be used to register for either the evening or morning sessions. Scholarships are available. For more information contact Norma Kruger at 605-432-6252, email: normakruger41@gmail.com; or Bryan Pew at 605-924-6302.

2018 GRADUATES



Living Word wishes to extend God's many blessings to our graduating seniors with these words from Jeremiah 29:11-13 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and



find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Two high school graduates were honored on Sunday, May 13. Emily Dornbusch and Devon Balling were presented with new Bibles, quilts and cake was served during coffee hour prior to the worship service.

WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD

ATTENTION: June 5 will be our 2nd general meeting for the LWLW. This is open to all women. If you are a member of LCMC then you are a member of LWLW. We encourage you to become an active member. The June 5 meeting will start at 7 PM. Jeanette Stensland will inform us about the Orphan Grain Train. Yes, we will try once again to have the apron skit.

Our **MISSION PROJECT** for June/July/August will be school supplies for the local schools. Prefer the Crayola products. List will be posted later. Drop off at church.

We are **STUDYING** Revelation written by Pastor Kent. Rosalyn and I are starting an **AFTERNOON TEA** at



Park Place on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Plans are to have a short devotion, prayer, refreshments and lots of visiting. Come join us on May 23 at 2 PM.

Have a safe summer.

Shirley Zahn

LWLW Coordinator

YOUTH NEWS

I can't believe the school year is over and what a wonderful year it has been getting to know these amazing kids at Living Word. Looking back on the school year, I have seen so much growth in these kids and I look forward to watching them grow even deeper in their faith in the months and years ahead. We have some fun events planned for the summer with Bible camp at Okoboji for 4-6th graders June 17-22, and July 22-27 for Junior High. I am taking 3 girls to the LCMC youth gathering in Des Moines, IA July 17-20. The theme for the week is **Called 2 Follow** based on the scripture from Luke 9:23-24. "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."

The week of July 23-27 is **VBS week!!!** This year it will be held at Central United Methodist Church and the theme for the week is "**Shipwrecked**". The kids will learn the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. There will be music, a Bible discovery station, an imagination station, games, snacks and fun, fun, fun. I hope you will sign up to help volunteer

in any way needed. There is a sign up sheet on the table at church. Also there are registration forms to sign up your kids and grandkids for the week. Invite neighbor friends too. It is free!!!! You can bring the forms to the church office or give them to me. I really look forward to this week and I ask that you pray in advance that Jesus will touch the hearts of all that attend and that there will be more than enough help to make things run smoothly.

I also want to plan a family day to **VALLEY FAIR** this summer. I know things are crazy busy, but I will be sending out an email with information about this soon. It would be an all day event on a Saturday. I am thinking either June 9 or June 16.

Many blessings to you all for a fantastic summer. I will continue to pray for each and every one of our youth at Living Word. I pray that they will not lose sight of Jesus during these summer months and I pray a protection over them in everything they do. May Jesus Christ be the center of all our lives.

In Him we serve, **Kay**
Director of Youth Ministry



REFLECTED LIGHT

Matthew 5:14-17

"You are the light of the world" (v. 14)

As moons, we need always remember that our light comes not from within but from without. On one hand, we need to realize that we are merely reflectors of God's love and grace to an unworthy world. We do not generate any brilliance on our own, but simply convey what God sends our way and what he does within us.

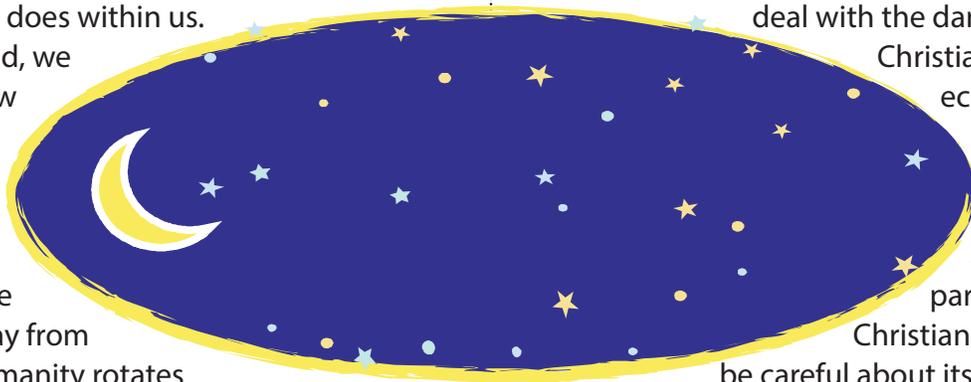
On the other hand, we also need to know that we are necessary tools for God as he seeks to reach a dark world. As the earth rotates away from the sun, all of humanity rotates away from God. As a result, they lie outside the path of the sun's light. Yet God, like the sun, uses other objects through which he can radiate even to a world that stands with its back to him. We are those moons. Ours is an important task, but there are dangers. One is the temptation to stay where it is comfortable, between the sun and the earth. This way we lie in the glory and fullness of light while avoiding any dealings with darkness. This is to refuse

to serve God. It is the refusal of discipleship. As long as we pick our own orbit, we will not allow God to make disciples of us. In the meantime, a dark world is a little darker.

The second danger is the threat of the world coming between us and the light if we do decide to deal with the darkness. When a

Christian experiences an eclipse, they have been blinded and deceived by the world and have again become part of its darkness.

Christians need to always be careful about its relationship to the world. We are to be in the world (as lights) but not of the world. An eclipse is the result of the church or an individual's compromise of the gospel to such a degree that its power to transform darkness is lost. The church is called to orbit around the darkness, but to never get lost in it. She is always to have her gaze fixed on the Son as she at the same time reflects his light to the darkness of a world in need of new life.



Make me a better moon, Lord. I want to make a difference in the world and love the people whom you love. Help me to encounter those who struggle in the darkness and share your light that shines within me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

COUNCIL MINUTES



Living Word Lutheran Church Council Minutes,
May 9, 2018

Members Present: Dave Hepper, Brad Olson, Howard Heinje, Tim DeJong, Larry Olson, Jerry Brown, Mary Kinder, Roger Christensen, Roslyn Reich and Pastor Kent Groethe. Pastor Kent opened the meeting with prayer. Meeting called to order. Motion made by Larry Olson and seconded by Mary Kinder to approve the agenda. Agenda approved.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports: Unanimously approved. A motion made by Brad Olson and seconded by Larry Olson to lower the building account. Approved.

Property Management Report: Consideration of ideas and options for the cross for front of sanctuary are underway. The expansion of step at front of sanctuary are in progress. Bobby Kinder has volunteered to do the step expansion. Carpeting has been selected. A motion was made by Roger Christensen and seconded by Roslyn Reich to order the carpeting. Costs will be covered out of the building account. Parking lot crack sealing and seal coat proposals were discussed. A motion was made by Howard Heine and seconded by Brad Olson to proceed. Motion approved. Further information to be presented to the congregation as to how to cover costs. Howard Heinje gave an update on the roof shingling project. Caulking, and repositioning of spot lights on the steeple cross will also be completed at this time. Projected date of completion of project is May 21-23. Tim DeJong reports Eunice Trygstad donated shelving for the garage. The council thanks Eunice for the shelving.

Worship & Evangelism Report: Sign-up list updated for serving communion during church services. Summer contemporary worship services will begin June 6 at 6:30 p.m. Community worship service scheduled July 22, 9:30 AM at Lake Farley. Living Word will be having service at 8:30 AM so that those who would like, can attend services at Lake Farley as well.

Youth & Education Report: Life Fest event, August 25 will be held at Lake Farley. Living Word will recognize 2 graduating seniors. A \$500 scholarship has been offered to each graduate. They will also receive a Bible and quilt. Motion made by Brad Olson and seconded by Larry Olson to give \$250 for youth who would like to attend Christian camps. Motion approved. May 13 is the last day for Sunday school during the summer months. Sunday school teachers will be recognized during the Sunday service. Flowers will be presented by the youth for the mother's.

OLD BUSINESS

Ceiling tile replacement under consideration. A thank you note, and check for \$940 was received from Norma Kruger, Community Bible Study. Living Word will again be hosting CBS beginning in September. A thank-you note was read from Jess Boyle, Marketing and Development, Sola Publishing, thanking Living Word for our support. Mary Kinder has completed the visitor packets. They will be given to visitors.

NEW BUSINESS

Visioning. Council and congregation are encouraged to brainstorm how we can best build the kingdom of God. Living Word is asking for 2 volunteers for Christian Service Council. Living Word extends a thank you to Karen Kiefer and Sue Capp for their many years of serving on this committee.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Roslyn Reich

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	4	5 7:00 LWLW General Meeting	6 6:30 Worship	7 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	8	9 Valley Fair Trip
10 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	11	12 9:00 Quilting	13 4:30 - 6:00 Grant County Food Give away at 4-H Exhibit building 5:30 Bible study briefing 6:30 Worship	14 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship 7:00 Church council	15	16
17 Father's Day 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 July Servant team meets	18	19 7:30 Dawn Circle meet at the church 9:00 Mary/Martha Circle meets at Park Place 9:00 Faith Circle meets at the church 7:00 Love Circle meets at the church	20 6:30 Worship	21 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	22	23
24 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship Nursing Home Vespers 2:30 St. William's Care Center 3:15 Milbank Rehab and Care Center 4:00 Park Place	25	26 9:00 Quilting	27 2:00 Afternoon Tea at Park Place 6:30 Worship	28 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	29	30

Okoboji Bible Camp with the 4-6th graders

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Nathan Bien (b.) Curtis & Elaine Hallberg (w.)
3	4	5 Donna Johnson (b.) Bob & Pam Nelson (w.)	6 Nancy Annett (b.)	7 Charles Veen (b.)	8 Ed Krein (b.)	9
10 Ethan Sullivan (b.)	11	12 David Kruger (b.)	13 Tyler Heinje (b.)	14	15	16 Rachel Berdan (b.) Barbara Hornstein (b.) Scott & Jean Leininger (w.)
17	18 Betty Nordquist (b.)	19 Matthew Christensen (b.) Gary Ingber (b.)	20 Warren & Janice Beck (w.)	21	22	23 Pastor Kent & Kay Groethe (w.) Howard & Marcia Heinje (w.) Ruth Waith (b.)
24 Dale & Lisa Aker (w.) Kay Groethe (b.)	25	26 Bradley & Jackie Olson (w.)	27	28	29 Eugene & Susan Vostad (w.)	30 Marilyn Stemsrud (b.)

July 2018

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		2	3	4 Fourth of July No Worship	5 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	6	7
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22	8:30 Worship 9:30 Community Worship Service at Lake Farley 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 August Servant team meets	23 Newsletter items due	24 9:00 Quilting	25 6:30 Worship 2:00 Afternoon Tea at Park Place	26 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	27	28
29	9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	30	31	Senior high - LCMC youth gathering in Des Moines, IA 9:00 - 12:30			
Vacation Bible School at Central United Methodist Church							

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Jeffrey Buttke (b.) James & Karen Kiefer (w.)	2 Gary & Janeen Ingber (w.) Bailey Nolting (b.)	3 Michelle Fraasch (b.)	4 Deb Buttke (b.)	5 Randy & Lori Dockter (w.)	6 James Kiefer (b.) Betty Kloster (b.)	7 Jeffrey & Julie Berger (w.)
8	Evelyn Berg (b.) Tim DeJong (b.) Charles Heinje (b.)	9 Amanda & Adam Maas (w.)	10	11 Jesse Nelson (b.)	12 Terry & Heidi Meister (w.) Dennis & Joanne Schmig (w.)	13	14 Sharon Brown (b.) Roger Hansen (b.)
15	Beverly Zeigler (b.)	16	17	18 Aaron & Teresa Meister (w.)	19	20 Peggy Brook (b.) William & Judy Coester (w.) Judy Coester (b.)	21 Jacqueline Redepenning (b.)
22	Abbey DeJong (b.) Bud Remund (b.)	23	24	25 Stephanie Hansen (b.) Phyllis Murphy (b.)	26	27 Brittany Heinje (b.) Daria Loeschke (b.) Mark Loeschke (b.) Mason Meister (b.)	28
29	Alec Bien (b.) Steve & Vicki Strege (w.) Jessica Van Peursesem (b.)	30	31 Larry Brook (b.)				