

# LIVING WORDS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE/JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

## A Letter from Pastor Kent

**K**ay and I are very excited about getting to Milbank the end of June and beginning ministry with you July 1.

Kay and I feel honored to be coming to you as partners in God's work. We cannot wait to meet you all personally and begin to get to know everyone. We have heard so many wonderful things about you and your faith and service from a number of pastors. You have a great reputation.

My vision for any church is for it to **1. Grow in faith** and **2. Impact the World**. Growing in faith entails both head and heart. We grow in intimacy to the Lord Jesus Christ through prayer Scripture reading and worship (heart) and we grow in understanding the faith with our minds (head). Impacting the world also entails two things: **1. the Great commandment ("Love your neighbor as yourself")** and **2. the Great Commission ("Go...and make disciples")**. We are to care for people in need and share the Gospel when God opens up a door. I want to focus on these goals with you as we seek God to grow us and use us.

Many thanks to so many people who have covered the pastoral pieces of ministry this



past year. They have been a God-send. In their service of "over and above" we have been impressed with the great leadership you have.

We ask you to begin to increase your prayers for God's blessings on our partnership. Pray that Jesus Christ would be glorified more and more through what we do in the coming years.

We can't wait to see you all. God's richest blessing to you.

**Pastor Kent**

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# Graduating Seniors

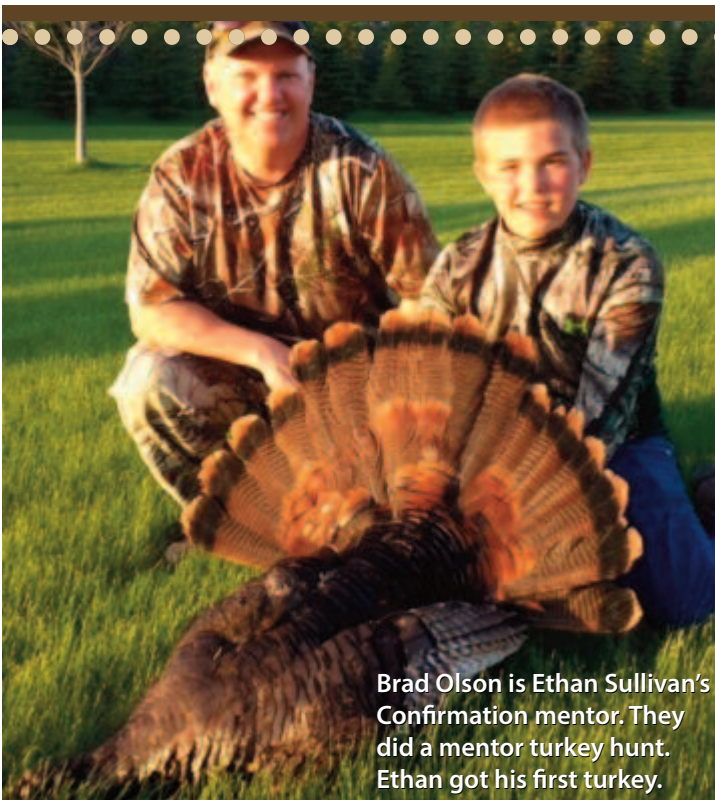


Living Word wishes to extend God's many blessings to our Graduating Seniors with these words from Jeremiah 29:11-13 *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and pray to me, and I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

Four high school graduates were honored on

Sunday, May 14. Alexa Fraasch, Nathan Bien, Presley Peschong and Taylor Balling were presented with new Bibles, and cake was served during coffee hour prior to the worship service.

Living Word sends our young adults onward with our continued prayers and assuring scriptures. Proverbs 3:5 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways submits to him, and he will make your paths straight."*



Brad Olson is Ethan Sullivan's Confirmation mentor. They did a mentor turkey hunt. Ethan got his first turkey.

## VBS—For You

Vacation Bible School, with Central United Methodist will be hosted at Living Word Lutheran Church from July 16 to 21. Kick-off will be Sunday, the 16, at 5:30 PM. Day Camp with NeSoDak counselors will be from 9 AM to 3 PM Monday through Thursday, and Pre-school VBS will be from 9 AM to noon. The Pre-school and Day Camp programs will be together on Wednesday evening, with a meal at 5:30 PM and the program at 6:30 PM. The theme for this year is "For You."

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will FOR YOU who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT. We need volunteer helpers for both pre-school and day camp, and people who are willing to provide cookies for snacks. Sign up sheets and health forms are in the church fellowship hall. Please sign up and join us as we have a good time and learn at VBS this summer!

## WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD

**June** will take us into more and more summer activities and to Father's Day which is Sunday June 18 this year. If you can spend some time with your Dad, let him know how much you love and appreciate him. Maybe he would like a special treat or just a visit. Those gifts do not need to cost a lot of money. Some of the best gifts are just spending time with those you love.

### MILBANK HIGH SCHOOL

**GRADUATES** were honored on Sunday, May 14 in Living Word Church. Corsages, boutonniere and cake in their honor were purchased by the LW women's organization.

Women who have registered are looking forward to the **JUNE 6 WOMEN'S EVENT** which will take place starting with the noon meal at Abbey of the Hills near Marvin. Following the meal we have scheduled a special speaker, Jenna Moffatt who will tell us about Human Trafficking in South Dakota. The quarterly general meeting will follow and a tour of the Abbey will also be available. Please be at the church at 11:15 AM that day to car pool for rides to the Abbey.

Friday, June 16 will be **KITCHEN CLEANING DAY** at the church. If you are able and available that day, please come about 10:00 AM. Many hands make work lighter!

**CIRCLES** meet on June 20 to study Lesson 6, continuing the story of Gideon in the "God's Reluctant Leaders" Bible study book. In July the circles meet on the 18 for Lesson 7 which begins a three lesson series about Moses, another reluctant prophet, as he encounters God.



**COOKIES** for the nursing home are to be provided by Dawn circle in June and Faith Circle in July.



More information about the September 16 **AUGUSTANA DISTRICT GATHERING** in Richfield, Wisconsin has been received and is posted on the bulletin board. As soon as registration forms and deadline information is available, we will share that also for those who may consider attending the Gathering this fall.

June, July and August **MISSION PROJECT** is Local School Supplies. Crayola products are preferred. They can be dropped off in the baskets in the fellowship hall.

Have a wonderful and blessed summer and enjoy all the outdoor activities you can in the next few months. Summer always seems to fly by so quickly!

*Joanne Schmig*  
LWLW Coordinator

## Diabetes Support Group



**D**iabetes support group will be meeting on June 18 at 6:30. The topic will be carb friendly recipes. The July meeting will be July 16 at 6:30. Please join us.

## COUNCIL MINUTES



### **Living Word Lutheran Church Council Minutes,** May 10, 2017

**Members Present:** Dave Hepper, Howard Heinje, Mary Kinder, Brad Olson, Larry Olson, Brad Leonard and Roslyn Reich. Absent: Roger Christensen. President Dave Hepper opened the meeting with prayer. Meeting called to order.

**Added to the Agenda:** Transportation and Servant Teams. Howard Heinje moved to accept the Meeting's Agenda; seconded by Brad Leonard. Approved.

**Secretary Report:** Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved

**Property Report:** Howard Heinje reported that the committee continues to pursue installation of a screen for the back wall of the church's sanctuary. Craig Weinberg will be asked to assess and offer a cost estimation. The desk chair in the Pastor's office has been repaired. The original contractor from Sioux Falls who built our church will be asked to come and assess the roof for any potential leaks and replace any stained tiles. The curb and gutter status remains unchanged. We have been assured by the City Administrator that Living Word is on top of the list for completion. Most of the trees on the church's property have been staked. Howard Heinje will coordinate completion of staking of the trees and disposition of the sod/dirt pile.

**Worship & Evangelism Report:** Shut-in visitation and communion in May was given by Pastor Jon Lindekugel and Mary and Bobby Kinder. Roslyn Reich will accompany Pastor Lindekugel for the June 4 visitation and communion. Roslyn will also speak with

Pastor Kent Groethe regarding continued visitation and communion in July. Sign up for council members to assist serving communion was updated as well as worship leaders. Living Word will be hosting Community Bible Study this fall. Servant Team and coffee fellowship was discussed. All agreed the Servant Teams are working well and an opportunity for fellowship. Additional volunteers for transportation of shut-ins for church have been added.

**Youth & Education Report:** Okoboji Camp and NeSoDak representatives visited our church April 30 and May 7 to promote camp. Bibles for Living Word graduates have been ordered. Carnations have also been ordered to recognize mothers on Mother's Day. Sunday School teachers were recognized and given plants as a thank-you for their dedicated service. Last day of Sunday School will be May 14. Games, crafts and ice cream is being planned for the students. A Vacation Bible School planning committee is planned for May 24 at 2:00 PM. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up. Signup sheet is located on the table in the fellowship room.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Sola Publishing has been added to the Benevolence List. The fax machine in the church office will no longer be used. Documents can be scanned and sent via the computer. The Pot Luck held during Pastor Kent and Kay's visit May 9 was well attended and enjoyed by all.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The B.J. White endowment scholarship application forms were reviewed by council. Following some minor adjustments, they will be offered to Living Word graduates for completion. Kay Groethe will not be able to be at Living Word during Vacation Bible School due to a prior commitment. A motion was made by Larry Olson and seconded by Brad Olson to approve. Brad Leonard made a motion and seconded by Mary Kinder that all reports are approved. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**Roslyn Reich**





# June 2017

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

# July 2017

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