

LIVING WORDS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Congratulations and Godspeed to High School Graduates

Congratulations on your graduation. Your Christian upbringing has equipped you to apply your faith in your daily life. With your faith in your heart, you are ready for whatever you may encounter. Walk humbly the path toward your future, always remembering that God is with you, and is using His Word as a light to your path and a lamp to your feet.

We ask the congregation to keep these special young adults in their prayers as they journey into God's future for them.

The **Senior Recognition Reception** will be May 14 at 9:00 AM. Following the reception seniors will join their classmates at the 10:00 AM service, where we will honor and pray for them and give each of them a gift from the congregation.



Taylor Balling: Plans to attend Dakota State University in Madison, SD, for Math Education.



Nate Bien: Plans to attend SDSU for Agronomy and Precision Ag.



Alexa Fraasch: Plans to attend Dakota State University in Madison, SD, for Computer Game Design.



Presley Peschong: Plans to attend Northern State, Aberdeen, for Teaching.

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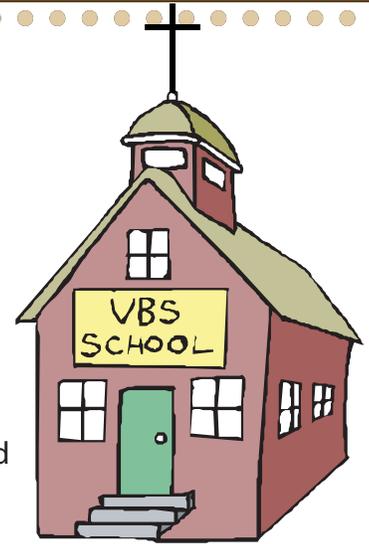
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**CONGREGATIONAL
POTLUCK SUPPER
ON MAY 9 AT 6PM.
COME AND MEET
PASTOR KENT &
KAY GROETHE**

COMMUNITY

Vacation Bible School

Registration for Vacation Bible School began on May 1. Vacation Bible School will kick off on Sunday, July 16 at Living Word. VBS runs the week of July 17-20 with a program on Wednesday, July 19. Registration forms are located in the foyer. For more information please contact Mary Kinder at 605-880-9705. Please remember to invite your friends; all are welcome to attend this fun week learning about our wonderful Savior and mighty God!



On April 13, seven students took part in their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday Service at Living Word. The students took First Communion classes for three Sundays under the instruction of Brian Sandvig. Pictured from L to R are Sean Keeton, Ryan Keeton, Terrell Wojahn, Pastor Jon Lindenkugal, Will Pekelder, Emma DeJong, Hunter Reede and Sophia DeJong.

Diabetes Support Group

Diabetes Support Group will NOT be



meeting in May due to graduation and Memorial weekend. Our next monthly meeting will not be until June 18.

YOUTH

CAMP NEWS

We are fortunate to host Okoboji Lutheran Camp on April 30 and NeSoDak Lutheran Camp on May 7 during Living Word Sunday School hour. All students are encouraged to sign up to attend Bible Camp this summer. If you're interested in attending, campership dollars are

available; talk to Mary Kinder for more info and camp dates. Camps are unforgettable summer experiences, and you don't want to miss out on all the excitement, meeting new friends while drawing closer to God in the beautiful outdoors.

WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD

In the month of May we look forward to all the flowers that April showers are said to bring! There will be flowers for Mother's Day, flowers for graduates and flowers on Memorial Day in memory of our loved ones who have died. We use flowers to express many emotions spanning a lifetime. Flowers are mentioned many places in the Bible as well and were depicted in wood carvings and also gold decorations in special places.

"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land"

SOLOMON 2:11-12

Take time to enjoy God's creation and stop to smell the flowers!

CIRCLES meet on May 16 to continue our current study, "God's Reluctant Leaders". One circle meets at 7:30 AM, two at 9:00 AM and one at 7:30 PM. They usually meet at the church.

If you are not a circle member, please consider visiting a circle meeting this month. Women of all ages are always welcome. Come and see how we spend that couple of hours each month in fellowship with other women, sharing a light refreshment and best of all studying God's Word! It is a great way to get to know the other women of our congregation better. There is no obligation to read scripture out loud, hostess, or lead a lesson. These things are all voluntary. Think about it even if you cannot always be there or are gone during the winter; we would



love to have you with us when you can come.

LW MISSION PROJECT for May is food items for the Grant County Food Pantry. Things can be dropped off at the church or taken directly to the court house.

All women of Living Word are invited to attend our June quarterly

GENERAL MEETING to be held at Abby of the Hills. It is scheduled for June 6 at noon. We are planning a special speaker, Jenna Moffatt from Watertown, who will talk about Human Trafficking. Yes, it happens in South Dakota and we need to learn what to watch for, how we can help prevent it, and how to educate and protect our children to keep them safe.

The Abbey will serve us lunch in the Monk's Dining Room, and a tour of the facility will be available. If you plan to go, a sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10 per person payable in advance. We plan to car pool for rides from the church.

LW EXECUTIVE BOARD meets May 4 at 2:00 PM.

Joanne Schmig
LWLW Coordinator



COUNCIL MINUTES



Living Word Lutheran Church Council Minutes, April 12, 2017

Members Present: Dave Hepper, Brad Olson, Mary Kinder, Roger Christensen, Howard Heinje and Roslyn Reich. Absent: Larry Olson and Brad Leonard.

President Dave Hepper opened the meeting with prayer. Meeting called to order.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Howard Heinje, seconded by Roger Christensen, to accept minutes from March 15 meeting. Approved.

Treasurer's/Finance Report: Dave Hepper presented the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Howard Heinje to approve the report, seconded by Roger Christensen. Approved.

Property Management Report: Brad Olson reported that the committee continues to pursue installation of screen for the back wall of the church's sanctuary. Recommendation was made by Craig Weinberg to consider a new computer program in conjunction with installation. A recommendation was made to visit another church that has had this equipment installed. This will be tabled until Pastor Kent has an opportunity to add his input. The desk chair in Pastor's office needs to be fixed. Howard will look at the chair to see if it can be repaired. Howard reports that the leak in the cupola appears to be repaired but will ask that the contractor further inspect to insure no leaks and to inspect shingles. Howard will follow up on curb and gutter status. A group of people will be organized by Howard to help stake trees. The dirt pile from putting in the trees will be used to fill in low spots. Howard will bring in equipment to accomplish this.

Worship & Evangelism Report: Given by Roger Christensen and Roslyn Reich. March 5 communion was given to 12 shut-ins by Pastor Jon Lindekugel and Marcia and Howard Heinje. The list to sign up for council members to serve communion during church services and to shut-ins was updated. Pastor John Hostettler has been graciously visiting hospitalized members. A motion was made by Mary Kinder and seconded by Brad Olson to compensate Pastor John for these visits. Approved. Our church has been asked to host Community Bible Study this fall. A motion was made by Howard and seconded by Mary to host CBS. Dave will contact Norma Kruger. There will be two weddings taking place in our church in July.

Youth & Education Report: Given by Brad Olson and

Mary Kinder. NeSoDak Camp and Joy Camp scholarships are available. Council has agreed to pay 2/3 of camp cost. On April 23 a representative from Okoboji Lutheran Camp will be available to provide information and answer questions. A representative from NeSoDak camp will be scheduled to visit sometime after Easter. First Communion was received by seven students on Maundy Thursday. May 14 will be Senior Recognition. Three seniors will be recognized and will receive Bibles. The last day of Sunday School will be May 14. Sunday School teachers will be recognized May 7 and given a plant in appreciation. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of July 17. An organizational planning meeting is scheduled on April 19 at 6:30 PM at Living Word.

OLD BUSINESS

Council thanks Roger Christensen for organizing the Lenten services. On April 8 a wedding took place in our church. There were no reported issues. Handicapped parking availability was tabled. The lighting of the cross on the roof will need to be readjusted to ensure that the cross is properly lighted. On March 19 a special congregational meeting to vote on Issuance of Call was held. The meeting was called to order and was followed by prayer by council president, Dave Hepper. There was a slide presentation, and discussion. Then the congregation voted on the motion. Votes were tallied. Announcement of result of vote was made. There were 113 yes votes and 7 no votes. Marlin Fenner made a motion to issue a call to Pastor Kent Groethe. Motion was seconded by Kendall Van Peursem. Approved. Motion made by Craig Randleman and seconded by Dick Forster to adjourn. A Letter of Call is to be sent to Pastor Kent Groethe. "Recharge" youth gathering, held March 3-April 2 was attended by two students.

NEW BUSINESS

The B.J. White endowment scholarship fund was discussed. Tuition assistance of \$500 for each graduating senior is available. Brad Olson will research application and qualification procedures. A motion was made by Roger and seconded by Mary. Approved. Discussion took place regarding adding Sola Publishing to benevolence list. A monetary gift will be sent. Before including on the benevolence list, it was decided to wait until further discussion can take place with Pastor Kent. It was reported that the church's fax line is no longer functioning. Following discussion, a motion was made by Brad and seconded by Roger not to repair at this time. Approved. An official email, received from Pastor Kent Groethe accepting the Letter of Call, was read. Pastor Kent will begin his call to Living Word July 1. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 10. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Roslyn Reich

May 2017

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1		2	3	4	5	6
				9:00 Searcher's Bible study 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30 Choir	National Day of Prayer 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship 2:00 LWLW Executive Board meeting		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
8:45 Sunday School NeSoDak Lutheran Camp during Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Communion	9:00 Quilting 6:00 Congregational Potluck Supper/Meet Pastor Kent & Kay Groethe	9:00 Searcher's Bible Study 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30 Choir 7:00 Church Council	9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Senior Recognition Sunday Mother's Day 8:45 Sunday School - Last Day 9:00 Coffee Fellowship/Senior Reception 9:00 June Servant Team meets 10:00 Worship	NeSoDak Bible Camp Early Bird discount deadline	7:30 Dawn Circle meets at the church 9:00 Faith Circle meets at the church 9:00 Mary/Martha Circle 7:30 Love Circle meets at the church	9:00 Searcher's Bible Study 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30 Choir	9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship 2:00 Milbank Graduation	Newsletter items due	9:00 Quilting	9:00 Searcher's Bible Study 2:00 VBS meeting 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30 Choir	9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship		Taylor Balling Graduation reception 1:00 - 5:00 PM	
28	29	30	31				
Begin Summer Worship Schedule 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	Memorial Day Office Closed		3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30 Choir				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Carol Grimley (b.) Carllyle Trygstad (b.)		Lenore Kalber (b.) Scott Maas (b.) Eugene Vostad (b.)		Darlene Eide (b.) Moe & Rochelle Reede (w.)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Alexa Fraasch (b.)	Kurt Flaig (b.)	Jersey Peschong (b.)	Helen Dahle (b.)			Susan Sime (b.)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Bob Nelson (b.)	Frances Kunde (b.)	Mark & Ashlie Veen (w.)	Barbara Kanthak (b.)			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
David & Mary Hepper (w.)	Bradley Olson (b.)		Lori Kasuske (b.)	Jeremy Hepper (b.)		Don & Beverly Buth (w.)
28	29	30	31			
John Gustafson (b.) David & Nancy Kruger (w.) Jennifer Maas (b.) Rena Ramsey (b.)	Ardell & Marge Nelson (w.)					