

# LIVING WORDS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



The LIFELIGHT CityFest event was held on Saturday, August 25 from 1-10:00 PM at Lake Farley. What an amazing turnout there was from the community with fun inflatables for the kids, Zero Gravity was there demonstrating their awesome stunts on BMX bikes, Bigfoot crushed cars, speakers and bands performed such as Abby Robertson, Cade Thompson, Manic Drive, Remedy Drive, Rachele Hope and Colton Dixon. It was a day of glorifying and praising Jesus as one body of Christ in this community. We hope and pray that many seeds of faith were planted and that hearts and lives were changed. We hope to continue this LIFELIGHT event annually.



Rally Sunday is Sept. 9 and Sunday school starts Sept. 16

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# Sunday School Kicks Off Sunday, September 9

**W**ith the start of September comes the start of Confirmation, Sunday school and youth group. I am excited to start things up again and dive into this new school year. I look forward to watching God move in the hearts of our youth throughout the coming year. Passing the faith to our children is the most important thing we can do as parents and the church. *"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it."* Proverbs 22:6.

**RALLY SUNDAY** is on **September 9** and we have some fun activities planned to kick off the school year. During the Sunday school hour, which starts at **8:45 AM**, kids of all ages will meet in the sanctuary to do some fun things together before church begins at **10:00 AM**. Then after church we will have a meal together as a church family and have activities outside for the kids like lawn games, face painting, horse rides and inflatables. It is sure to be a great day of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the start of the fall schedule, and gather to worship and celebrate Jesus.

Also, the afternoon of **SEPTEMBER 9**, we are having a **YOUTH KICK-OFF FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH** out at **LA BOLT DAM** from **4-7:00 PM**. We will be eating, playing some games, doing some small group discussions, and Rachel Berdan will be speaking to the kids sharing her testimony. I am excited to start youth group and have everyone together again!! Invite a friend!!!!

**CONFIRMATION** will begin on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 FROM 3:30-5:00 PM**. We have six

new 6th graders joining us this year so I am very excited. Our hope and prayer is to really dig into the Bible this year and learn and grow in our relationship with Christ. **Puppet practice** will begin right after Confirmation from **5:00-5:30** so if you are interested in joining the puppet team please let me know.

**REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will begin at **8:45 AM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**. Parents are asked to bring their children to their classroom at the start of Sunday school each week. You are invited to attend Pastor Kent's adult Sunday teaching during this time as he will be teaching an overview of the New Testament called "The ABC's of the Gospel".

Looking ahead to **OCTOBER**, we will be having a **FALL FESTIVAL DAY** with fun Fall activities and later in the afternoon a **YOUTH GOSPEL FEST CONCERT**. This will be for senior high youth in the community to share their musical talent and put on a concert to worship and praise Jesus. We are very excited about this day as it is a great way to bring our youth together in the community with one purpose, to honor and worship our Lord, Jesus Christ. You will be hearing more about this as the day approaches.

May you continue to pray for the start of this school year for protection and blessings for our youth and teachers in this community. May it be a fantastic year of growth and learning academically and most importantly spiritual growth. May we watch for God moving in our lives and expect great and wonderful things. Let's grow in our faith and impact the world!

*Kay, Director of Youth Ministry*

## ADULT EDUCATION

### PASTOR'S PREACHING/TEACHING SCHEDULE – FALL 2018

#### SUNDAY SERMON SERIES:

##### *"Preaching the Books of the Bible"*

This series will teach about the content and the key message of each book of the Bible, one at a time. This will be a 50 part series over the course of an entire year, but each message is complete in and of itself. Come and learn about the Bible.

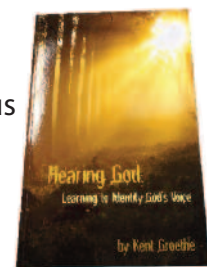


story will be taught using the 26 letters of the alphabet. Students will learn what the Bible says about Jesus and the early church.

#### WEDNESDAY WORSHIP PREACHING SERIES:

##### *"Hearing God's Voice"*

This class will uncover the many and various ways God communicates to us today. Participants will learn how to listen better so as to hear him speaking. Also, we will learn what God is trying to tell us, what gets in the way of our hearing and ways to increase our ability to discern God in daily life.



#### SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION:

##### *"The ABCs of the New Testament"*

Participants will learn about the structure, purpose and message of the New Testament. The Gospel

### FALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

#### *"Effective Parenting in a Defective World"*

Starting Sunday, Sept. 16 David Kruger will be leading an 8 week DVD Bible study at 8:45 during the Sunday School time, entitled "Effective Parenting in a Defective World" by Chip Ingram. Raising children is a challenge in today's world. Peers and pop culture exert a never-ending pressure on kids. Every day they are bombarded with the pressures and influences of drugs, sex, and violence. Often, parents feel helpless when the corrupt principles of this defective world seem to contradict every godly principle they try to instill in their children. But the good news is that God has a plan for effectively raising your children and you can learn it!



DVD series entitled – "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven". Each DVD is about 35 minutes long and a study guide for each will be provided. Anyone who is interested in learning what scripture accurately reveals about Heaven is very welcome to be a part of the group. This study is led by Lil Colberg.

#### *Community Bible study*

Community Bible study is an Interdenominational Bible study that meets weekly on Monday night at Living Word Lutheran Church starting on Monday, September 17 from 7-8:30 PM. Two morning groups will begin September 18 and September 20 at 10:15 am at the Grant County Library. The study will be the Return to Jerusalem and will include the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Contact Norma Kruger at 432-6252 or Bryan Pew at 438-3661 for more information.

#### *Searchers Bible study*

"Searchers" is a non-denominational Bible study group that meets weekly on Wednesday mornings started on Wednesday, August 22, at Living Word Lutheran Church with coffee fellowship from 9:30-10:00 AM and Bible study from 10-11:30 AM. (LWLC is handicapped accessible). This fall our study will start with Dr. David Jeremiah's fascinating and biblically accurate eleven

#### *"Finding I Am" Bible study by Lisa Tuerkerst*

This is a ladies home Bible study group that will meet on Tuesdays for 6 weeks, starting on September 11 from 6:30-8:00 PM at Meggan McFadden's at 410 W 5th Ave. Supper will be served, please RSVP, 972-838-5563. All women welcome.

## WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD

Looking out my window I see green. God has blessed us with rain with the crops looking so great our prayers are for thanks and no hail.

The **GENERAL MEETING** date is September 4. Guest speaker will be Claire Frazee "Milbank Hope in God" Mark your calendars for 7:00 PM. In charge of devotions will be Faith, Dawn/Love in charge of devotions and music and refreshments goes to Mary/Martha.

**FALL GATHERING:** Augustana Gathering, September 15 at Peace Lutheran, Watertown, Minnesota at 9:00 AM. Let me know if you plan to attend. I will not be going as it's my 60th class reunion that day.

Turnout for serving the evening meal at the **THRESHING SHOW** was great, not hard but was a little hot. Thanks to all.

Also a big thank you to the gals who showed up to clean the **KITCHEN**, it looks great. We are asking you not to leave any food in the refrigerator. We disposed of a lot of food that was spoiled or outdated. This includes ketchup and mustard.

**CIRCLES** meet on September 18. This lesson "Conclusion" will complete our study on Revelation.

Our new books will be available.

**AFTERNOON TEA:** Rosalyn and I meet with our members at Park Place for a social hour.

We meet for a short Bible study and then we socialize with some cookies and tea. Everyone is invited to come. This gives us an opportunity to visit. Cookies are always welcomed.

**MISSIONS:** School supplies have been delivered. Thanks to all who donated. September and October mission will be non-food items to the Grant County Food Pantry.

Work has begun on next year's **PROGRAM**. If you have an idea please let us know.

The **BAKE SALE** is November 18.

There are still some **APRONS** that have not been reclaimed. No names were found on them. Please claim them.



*With God's Blessings*  
**Shirley Zahn**

## COMMUNITY

# GIVE AWAYS

These surplus items, stored in the church shed, are in need of new owners.

Would anyone be in need of a large desk? It would be good in a work room, for your garage or barn. A 3' - 4' round table is also available.





# A SUNDAY STROLL

*Luke 24:13-24*

*"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him" v. 31*

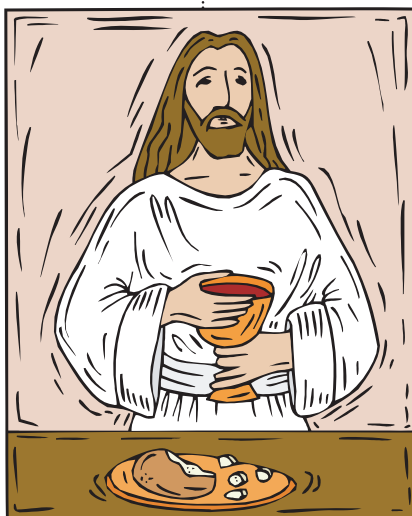
The men on the road to Emmaus would never have seen Christ if left to themselves. Both their reason and their feelings convinced them that Jesus was dead. Nothing within them held the power to change those stubborn convictions. The revelation of Jesus' presence had to come from a source outside themselves. We read that finally "their eyes were opened" clearly makes the men passive participants in the revelation.

Two visible agents and one invisible were at work on that afternoon and evening that eventually pried open two pair of blind eyes. The two visible agents were the Word and sacrament. Even Jesus being physically in front of their faces did not cause them to see. It was after the Word was spoken by Jesus' quoting of the Old Testament that their hearts began to burn within them, confirming the truth of what this strange spoke. At supper, Jesus "took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give

it to them" (v. 30).

When he had shared his last supper with the disciples on the Thursday before, this exact phrase was used (in Luke's gospel). Even though Jesus was only breaking bread for supper in Luke 24 and not

communing it was probably the disciples' memory of that night (even though they were not of the twelve) and of the sacrament offered there that caused their eyes to see. It was the Word and remembrance of communion that opened their eyes to faith in the risen Lord that day. It is Word and sacrament that open our eyes to better see Christ's presence in our life. Yet, the unseen agent in all this is God's Spirit, who through those vehicles works faith in those who hear.



Are the Word and sacrament a regular part of your life? If not, how will you see Christ? How will the Spirit work faith in you? How will you see him who accompanies you on the road?

*Lord, I admit that I often share the same sad attitude that the two on the road had even though you are as close to me as you were to them. Help me to take time to read and hear your Word and receive the sacraments in such a manner that my eyes may see your presence in my life more and more. It is in Jesus' name that I pray. Amen*

## COUNCIL MINUTES



**Living Word Lutheran Church Council Minutes,**  
August 8, 2018

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

**Secretary and Treasurer Reports:** Unanimously approved.

**Pastor's Observations:** Pastor Kent recommends that a visitor center be created to welcome visitors and new members. Rally day events are being planned for Sunday, September 9. Pastor Kent presented the preaching/teaching schedule for fall. The Sunday sermon series: "Hearing God's Voice", Sunday adult education, "The ABCs of the New Testament", and Wednesday worship preaching series, "Preaching the Books of the Bible". Wednesday night worship services will continue for at least another 2 months. Pastor Kent suggested the possibility of putting teaching series on DVT. Pastor has nearly completed all home visits with only 3 visits left. Pastor asks that we as the church, consider our project for the kingdom of God and asks, what great things can we do? Pastor Kent recommends that the call committee and council meet with him and Kay to review the past year and our relationship with our congregation.

**Property Management:** It has been recommended that we purchase 3 additional fire extinguishers. A motion was made by Brad Olson for the purchase and seconded by Howard Heinje. Approved. An update for the cross for front of sanctuary was given. Once a prototype has been made a final decision will be made. There are some dead trees that will need to be removed. The garden center will be asked to assess the remaining trees with recommendations for caring for them.

**Worship & Evangelism Report:** Gluten free wafers are now available for communion. Sign-up list for serving communion was updated. Formation of teams (Ushers, evangelism, outreach, building & grounds) will be presented to the congregation as to how to promote. Roslyn recommended that the defibrillator in our church be checked and training given as to how to operate. Mary Kinder offered to arrange.

**Youth & Education:** The Life Light Festival will be held August 25, at Lake Farley and is supported by our church. Rally Sunday is being planned for September 9. Food, balloons and ice cream cones will be part of the festivities. Council members will assist with serving food. Plans for youth Sunday school are in process under the guidance of Susan Sime and Kay Groethe.

### NEW BUSINESS

Law appreciation dinner will be held September 16. Bobby and Mary Kinder and Roger and Tammy Christensen will attend this event. A motion was made by Larry Olson and seconded by Brad Olson to donate \$300 for this event. Approved.

**Visioning:** The Great Commandment: care for the poor. The Great Commission: Share Christ.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.  
*Respectfully submitted, Roslyn Reich*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Steve Strege (b.)
<b>2</b> Janice Fenner (b.)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Greg & Lori Kasuske (w.) Joanne Nelson (b.)	<b>5</b> Tina Balling (b.)	<b>6</b> Kay Strandvold (b.)	<b>7</b> Lisa Aker (b.) Carter Busack (b.) Roger Christensen (b.)	<b>8</b> Linda Anderson (b.) Marty & Deb Buttke (w.) Bergen Nolting (b.) Brock Sime (b.)
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Bruce & Linda Larson (w.) Shauna Pauli (b.)	<b>11</b> Jackie Olson (b.) Timothy Ramsey (b.) Ken & Kay Strandvold (w.) Grant Van Peurseem (b.)	<b>12</b> Isabella Anderson (b.)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Trevor Nolting (b.)	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Carol Forster (b.)	<b>17</b> Harold & Beverly Zeigler (w.)	<b>18</b> Roger & Tammy Christensen (w.)	<b>19</b> Richard Hansen (b.)	<b>20</b> Susan Vostad (b.)	<b>21</b> Gary & Marsha Meister (w.)	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Sue Pauli (b.)	<b>24</b> Richard & Sandra Hansen (w.)	<b>25</b> Ron & Linda Anderson (w.) Lacey Busack (b.) Jack Sandvig (b.)	<b>26</b> Hailey Heinje (b.) Gordon Johnson (b.)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Karen Hallquist (b.)	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Renaë Dornbusch (b.) Melanie Schwandt (b.)						