



August Devotion-

Son Followers

Sunflowers sprout in a carefree manner all over the world. Pollinated by bees, the plants spring up on the sides of highways, under bird feeders, and across fields, meadows and prairies. To produce a harvest, however, sunflowers need good soil. Well-drained, slightly acidic, nutrient-rich soil "with organic matter or composted," says the *Farmer's Almanac*, finally produces tasty sunflower seeds, pure oil, and also a livelihood for hard-working sunflower growers.

We also need "good soil" for spiritual growth. As Jesus taught in His parable of the farmer

scattering seed, God's Word can sprout even in rocky or thorny soil. It only thrives, however in the soil of "honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest."

Young sunflowers are just as patient in their growth. Following the sun's movement throughout the day, they turn sunward daily in a process called heliotropism. Mature sunflowers are just as deliberate. They turn eastward permanently, warming the face of the flower and increasing visits from



pollinator bees. This in turn produces a greater harvest.

As with those who care for sunflowers, we can provide a rich medium for God's Word to grow by clinging to His Word and following after His Son—developing honesty and a good heart for God's word to mature us. It's a daily process. May we follow the Son and grow.

Adapted from a devotion in Our Daily Bread 7/12/19

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Luke 8:11-15 ¹¹ "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. ¹³ But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴ Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. ¹⁵ But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

August Scriptures

8/2/20 Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Matthew 6:5-14

8/9/20 Romans 10:5-15, Psalm 85, Matthew 6:5-14

8/16/20 Isaiah 58: 5-9, Psalm 67, Matthew 6:5-14

8/23/20 Romans 12:1-8, Psalm 138, Matthew 6:5-14

8/30/20 **EASTER IN AUGUST!**
1 Cor. 15:19-26, Easter Litany,
John 20:1-18

Prayer Requests

For continuing comfort and healing

Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Donna Kowalske, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Sue Bernard, Char and Dale Matheny, Barbara McCord, Floyd Morris, Carol Wostal, Lula Stroud, Andrew Johnson

If you know of someone who should be included in the monthly ongoing prayer list, or you yourself would like to be included, please contact Pastor Michael (509-710-3283).



As we launch our Summer Sermon Series (Lord's Prayer --starts Aug 2) it's a great time to think about sharing your church with others. Even during these "COVID times", invite your friends, family, neighbors to join us online on Facebook (Living Word Lutheran Church Kingman) or our website. Then, again, if you and they feel comfortable attending in person -- BRING 'EM!! Be especially mindful of EASTER II which will be Aug 30!! We celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus on the regular Easter Sunday this spring, NOW lets celebrate the Resurrection of THE CHURCH !!

Pastor Michael

August Special Worship and Fellowship Events

August 3-Council meeting 1:30 PM

August 5, 12, 19, 26-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM at church

August 6, 20-Women's group "Blessed and Unstoppable" 5:30 PM at church Contact Bev Valentine for more info- 928-377-2577 or beverlyvalentine@citlink.net

August 22-WOW meeting 9 AM at church

August 23 and/or August 30-New member orientation 9 AM before worship. (Only 1 class required.)

August 30-Easter in August *Join us as we celebrate again the Resurrection of our Lord as well as the Resurrection of the Church! We will welcome New Members during worship.*



He is Risen!

not only in April, but in August and October

He is Risen!

at midnight and noon — and even at 3:52 a.m.

He is Risen!

when we feel like singing at the top of our lungs, and even when we don't.

He is Risen!

when we need him most — and also in those heels-dug-in moments when we think we don't Him at all.

He is Risen!

not for a day, but for EVER.

Join us for **EASTER in AUGUST** as we worship, sing and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! August 30, 2020 at 10 AM.



CALLING all W.O.W. !!

We will have a
Yard Sale planning
meeting on **Satur-
day, August 22nd,**

9:00 a.m. at the church.

Women of the Word please come with
your breakfast drink in hand and good
ideas!

Karen has a great list of yard sale sugges-
tions from another church.

Let's all pull together and get this sale
planned and done!

SAVE THE DATE!!

WOW IN ACTION!

It's Annual Yard Sale Time!!

**The Living Word Yard Sale will be
held Friday and Saturday,
October 2nd and 3rd.**

Please start gathering your closet,
garage, attic & basement
treasures/junk so we can have the
biggest and best yard sale EVER!!

More details on drop-off and sale
schedules coming in September
newsletter.

Sponsored by W.O.W.

Questions? Donna P. 928-753-
5762, Karen 775-513-8367

**LORD
WILLING
AND THE
CREEK
DON'T RISE**



**The ongoing
W.O.W. Salt
project** is to
benefit mis-
sions in Mexico
during the pan-
demic in their

country. W.O.W. is asking that each
of us have a dish in the kitchen or on
the dining table to place coins in dai-
ly to thank the Lord for the food we
are given and to help others. **This
project will end August 30th** and the
funds received will be donated
through the Well Child International
program to be directed to where the
need is greatest.

**MAKE SURE YOU TEST
POSITIVE FOR FAITH.
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
FROM DOUBT, AND
ISOLATE YOURSELF FROM
FEAR. TRUST IN GOD
THROUGH IT ALL.**

AMEN



YOGA Anyone??

Donna Ferguson has
received some ques-
tions about if/when

Yoga sessions will be resumed. Ses-
sions are chair or mat, both men and
women welcomed!

If you are interested, please contact
her to let her know:
djschutz@citlink.net or Cell: 928-715-
9660 (talk or text) Please state your
name!

Namaste!

August Celebrations

August 2 Bev Valentine



August 3 Don and Pat
Bingham

August 4 Jim and Donna
Pederson

Living Word Council Minutes-Meeting Summary 6/5/20

Pastor Michael Birnbaum, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler, President Ken Bourlier, Vice-President Bob Pressler, Mission Coordinator Rosie Freeman & Secretary Sharon Peterson.

Meeting opened with prayer. May minutes approved.

Items to be added: Eileen: asked to have something posted to Facebook. It is a post done by Charlotte Matheny. Council approved. Rosie: WOW project.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael Birnbaum Have been doing a number of home visits and contacting every member to check and make sure all needs are being met. Planning on June 14th off. Pastor Johnson will be here. Getting a great jump on mission recruitment work and could be available in October or keep the plans as is. Would like to have August 30th as a firm date for Easter II Men are doing a pool night at the Presslers Friday June 5, 6 pm

Pastor Assistant: Eileen Pressler Pastors next Sunday off is June 14, Pastor Jeff Johnson will be our supply pastor. Plans to resume serving of communion during worship. Will discontinue intinction, use disposable communion cups filled with wine/juice. Continue the use of unleavened bread. Would like to purchase new communion sets (approx. total cost \$80).

Council approved. We will continue using the Friendship communion cups for home communion. Additional hand sanitizer has been purchased. Continue with live streaming until media team implemented. Also plan to continue with recording worship after full worship is resumed. Numbered offering envelopes have been received (30).

Vice President-Financial Report: Bob Pressler Church Mutual Insurance: we have 1,000,000/occurrence liability coverage up to \$3,000,000. Insurance \$572 was paid. Our set aside rent has been transferred (\$1650 on 6/1) Checked Suddenlink again for availability, \$64.99 plus fees and taxes for 2 years for 400 MBS service. Council approved getting an installation date. Reviewed all reports. Motion approved to pay \$400 from checking to savings to cover missed Rent.

Mission Coordinator: Rosie Freeman WOW is asking approval for a Salt project. This is to benefit missions in Mexico during the pandemic in their country. Salt shakers will be in the back of the church for anyone to take. This project will go from now until the end August 30th and the funds received will be donated through the Well Child International program. This will be totally handled by WOW. Council approved.

President Report: Ken Bourlier Will be signing the lease for our building for 1 year. Would like to start paying monthly instead of having to set aside the money than making one payment. Council approved.

Old Business:

Discussion on Congregational meeting regarding LCMC. Pastor will call the meeting.

New Business:

Media Team project: Sharon asked approval for \$500 this project. This will be for a camera, cable and taxes. Council approved. She will talk to Pam Burgett to get recommendations.

Review extending Pastoral contract with Pastor Michael Birnbaum. Council approved.

Next meeting July 9, 2020 at 1:30 pm

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Peterson, Secretary



Grieving Pastor

It is with much sadness we report that Pastor Michael's beloved 2002 Chevy 4 x 4 pick up truck took her last road trip in July!

Pastor reports:

"We had 270,000 miles together. She died of a broken heart (transmission)."



Although he was able to recover all 4 of her mostly new tires, he still is feeling the pain of her loss.

Rest in Peace faithful truck!



Living Word Lutheran Church

Men's Retreat Fall 2020

When: September 25 – 30.

Participants may come for a shorter time, but main program will be the weekend of Sept 25-27.

Where: Two Mountain cabins in Eastern Washington-very remote. see: [Private Mountain Cabins - Cabins for Rent in Hunters, Washington, United States](#)

What: Bible study, worship, fellowship, hiking, fishing, hunting, target range, wood fired hot-tub, service project (in exchange for 70% reduction in cabin rental), winery tour and tasting, tour of Blackhorse Ranch off grid system of hydro and solar, evening under the stars at Pastor's ridge hideaway (NO light pollution), star gazing with telescopes, campfires, outdoor grilling, etc.!

Why -- Program: Discussing and studying Max Lucado's "Ten Men of the Bible". This study explores how God can use men, in spite of their weaknesses and pasts, to be His instruments in their families, work, and communities. Led by Pastor Birnbaum.

Cost: We will simply share costs of food (we'll form a two man committee to plan), housing \$100/night total split amongst all participants (normally \$250), extra transport if necessary (Pastor will have two vehicles available at no



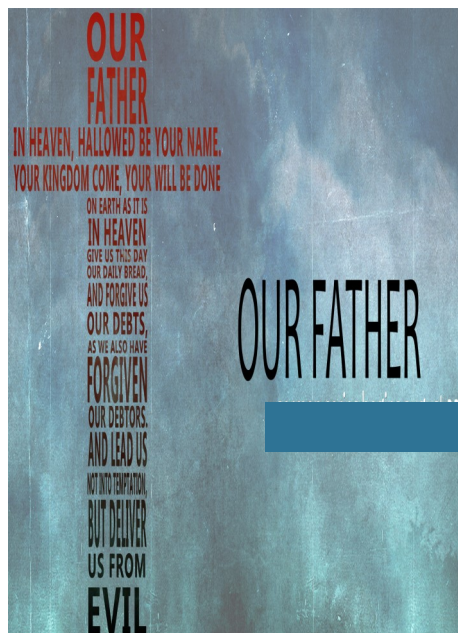
cost except gas), transport to and from Spokane WA by air or carpool, retreat materials (booklets, etc, probably about \$5 each), stream and pond fishing is free and Lake Roosevelt fishing is at cost (google it), hunting at cost of outfitter.

Transport Options: Fly to Spokane from Las Vegas and be picked up; car pool from Kingman (18 hours driving each way); or fly to Spokane, drive back with Pastor (limit four), splitting motel, meals, gas.

Space limited: ten beds in cabins, three at Pastor's off grid hideaway (no utilities) local motel is very nice but about 40 minutes away <https://www.loonlakeinn.com/>. Transport provided to and from motel.

How: Contact Pastor Birnbaum directly for reservation or more info. 509-710-3283. Michael@ISLonline.org. \$50 non-refundable deposit required.

Deadline for Reservation and Deposit: Aug 30 (Easter II)



Summer Sermon Series 2020

After informally polling the congregation for topics, Pastor has selected The Lord's Prayer as the 2020 Summer Sermon Series. As announced, all the Sundays in August (five) will be dedicated preaching on these important words Jesus gave us when His disciples asked Him to "teach us how to pray".

How many times have you said the Lord's Prayer in your life? Maybe your response would be something like: "I know it so well I could pray it in my sleep". THAT'S THE PROBLEM! Now comes a more

difficult question: have you always meant every word as you were "reciting" it?? I confess, I would have to say I do not always think about and mean every word, every time.

So maybe it IS a good time to review how and why Jesus gave us these words. We'll take a section of the prayer each week, concluding with an Easter II (Aug 30) celebration of how the Resurrection of Jesus delivered us from evil and now releases God's power and glory into our EVERYDAY lives!

Pastor Michael

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Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, scripturally based community intentionally serving Christ through missions.

Mission Statement

Living and growing in faith together as a spirit filled church with the

Word of God as our foundation and reaching out through missions showing the

Love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to

Create a hunger in others to embrace the Word of God, salvation through Jesus Christ and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Join us for *Easter in August* as we worship and sing to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Easter
IN AUGUST

August 30, 2020 at 10 AM. Bring a friend!

