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The Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of the month.

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or share with her on Sunday morning

APRIL DEVOTION

Easter is a beginning, not an end.

We have journeyed through the 40 days of Lent, the mountaintops and valleys of Holy Week, and Easter morning and the empty tomb. Now what?

In John 20:19-31, we read of the fear and lack of hope that consumed the thinking of the disciples after the crucifixion and the experience at the empty tomb. Then Jesus came. He stood among them saying, "I'm here just like I said I would be. Put aside your fear. Replace it with my peace." Jesus breathed his divine breath upon them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit and get ready to be sent out into the world, just as I have been sent, I send you."

However, in the next chapter in the Gospel of John, we find the disciples going back to work, doing what they knew how to do best, and doing what they did before meeting Jesus. They went fishing. They went back to the familiar routine of everyday living as if the previous three years with Jesus were just a fading memory.

Then early one morning the risen Christ finds these disciples-turned-back-to-fishermen and says to them, "It's not over. It is just getting started. Do you love me? Then get out of those boats and feed my sheep. Go find my people and teach them the things I have taught you. Go and be my church. It is not easy to start over. Maybe we would never start over without the pushing, pulling and prodding of the risen Christ. Peter and the others were quite content to go back to the routine and familiar; to a life that was safer than following Jesus. However, for the disciples and for us the story is not finished, so Jesus comes to us and says once again, "Follow me." I

It is a temptation to let down spiritually after Easter when the events and the excitement are over. We are drawn back into the routine and commonplace repetition of our jobs and responsibilities. Sometimes, even unintentionally, we tend to put Easter carefully back on the shelf as a holiday until next year.

As "Easter" people, we must believe that God will get God's way in the end, no matter what. If Jesus' death on the cross has been defeated by the empty tomb at Easter, what other victories is God working on? How is God working in our lives to give us victory over temptation and sin? Where does God show up in our daily walk?

If we allow it, Easter can move us quickly from the affirmation, "He is risen," to an assignment, "Go into your family, community and the world and do something about it." By carrying out that assignment, Easter continues within the lives of each one for the rest of our life and beyond.

God is not finished with his story or us. The story is alive. So what is next? The rest of the story.

Adapted from an April, 2014 article by Rev. Tim McConnell, Long's Chapel United Methodist Church



Prayer List

*For continuing comfort and healing-*Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, DeMuri Family, Donna Kowalske, Pat Bingham, Brooke Moser, Judy Ann Krenning, Cathy Bain, Debbie Fimbres

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).

Combined Mission and Youth Report



The youth also had fun in making tortillas with Eneida in between baking cookies!

Sunday School/Youth

Our March activities were:

Cards colored in love by Sunday School and cookies baked with love by the

youth to encourage the church family to take a pouch of chocolate chip cookies and a card to share the love of Jesus with :

- A member of the church family who you have missed seeing in church for awhile
- A neighbor or friend who may need to know that we, as a church, care about them.
- The person who is struggling with the challenges of life.
- Someone to whom you want to say “you are special to me”

Vision/Mission of Living Word Lutheran Church

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.

APRIL EVENTS AT LWLC—JOIN IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

4/1 EASTER SUNDAY 8 AM EASTER BREAKFAST, WORSHIP 10 AM

4/4, 4/11, 4/18. 4/25 Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM

4/8 MINI POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

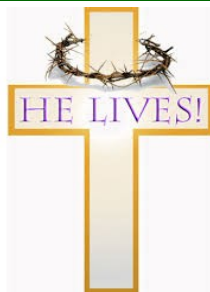
4/14 Council Meeting and Planning Workshop 9 AM-4PM

4/15 Mission Trip orientation after worship

4/21 WOW Luncheon meeting El Palacio restaurant 11:30 AM

4/26 Kingman Evangelical Ministerial Association (KEMA) meeting and luncheon to be hosted by WOW 12-1:30

4/29-5/4 Mexico Mission Trip



April 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

8 AM Easter
Breakfast followed by
Worship at 10 AM

Fellowship Hour Mini Potluck 4/18

Let's try something new! Bring your favorite treat for Fellowship hour after worship 4/8/18. It should be able to be eaten by hand or off a small plate. Do you have PEEPS left over from Easter? Are there still dyed eggs in your refrigerator? A favorite Easter Salad you'd like to enjoy one more time? Join us and see what shows up! We'll ask Pastor to keep his message short!

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Guys, let's be reasonable! Let's stop this FASTING TIL WE DROP talk, and start with cutting back on 'CHURCH POTLUCKS'.



Considering this group of Zealots were NOT Lutherans, giving up potlucks was a very reasonable suggestion.
Acts 23





BIRTHDAYS

Barbara McCord	April 13
Don Bingham	April 18
Ken Bourlier	April 26
Cherie Bourlier	April 28

Anniversaries

No April anniversaries



W.O.W Women of the Word:

The W.O.W. group held its quarterly business meeting on Sunday, March 18th. Alice Jensen reported that the W.O.W. St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Bingo event on March 17th was well attended, approximately 50 meals were served and proceeds of the sale of dinner tickets, bingo cards and cookies were expected to exceed \$500 which will be donated to the church general account. W.O.W. members appreciated that the men's group will prepare an Easter Sunday pancake breakfast and will assist in any way possible. The W.O.W. group is supporting the fund raising for the AAPC through Annie's Art Attic during March. Five members will attend the Bunco to Benefit Babies night on March 23rd and a basket of 8 movie dvd's & snacks was donated by W.O.W. for the AAPC raffle. Members were reminded that the Women's Bible study is meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays and is currently studying women of the Bible. In a discussion on the church yard sale next fall, it was agreed 1) to look for a suitable date to suggest to Council for the sale; 2) to take leadership of areas for the bake sale, an arts & crafts area and an expanded raffle. Karen Shaffer will chair the arts & crafts area, chair leaders are needed for the bake sale and raffle. The W.O.W. April lunch meeting will be Saturday, 4/21, at 11:30 a.m., El Palacio Resturant, 401 E. Andy Devine Avenue, across from the train station and the running rabbit and lizard (statues, not real!) Good Mexican food (Eneida will be the judge!) We can use their back dining area. See you there!

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH (SUMMARY MARCH 4, 2018)

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

Bob opened with prayer.

Amendment to last month's minutes: correction in the Treasurer Report, the \$ amount moved from Savings to General Fund should be \$3,450.00. February minutes approved as amended.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael Birnbaum Pastor talked about reviewing our future in this building and would like to look into the possibility of renting from Good Shepherd.

President's Report: Bob Allison Bob would like to give Rosie a Big Thank You in saying yes in being our Mission Coordinator. Also would like to thank Pastor Michael. He feels that there is a bright future for us. **Treasurer:** Arlene Allison Discussion about Thrivent Choice and Thrivent Mission funds.

Thrivent Choice funds had been added to Thrivent Mission. This has been corrected and Thrivent Choice funds have been moved to general account. Arlene distributed copies of corrected Thrivent Mission report. Report approved. **Mission Coordinator:** Rosie Freeman Every one welcomed Rosie. Rosie reported the youth had been busy, Making Valentine's, Valentine's party, Bookmark's and baking items for Annie's bake sale. The WOW women have the St. Paddy's dinner/Bingo coming up. Donna Kowalske ordered cookies from The Sugar Shack for the dinner. The Yard Sale is coming this Fall. We are looking in getting more of the women involved. Karen is working along with Donna with W.O.W, MaryAnn with the Chamber of Commerce, and Donna & Eneida with the youth. Council approved her Report. **Pastor Assistant** Eileen Pressler Looking at dates available for Ribbon Cutting with the Chamber of Commerce. MaryAnn Mallory is doing a great job working with the Chamber of Commerce. Eileen requested permission to ask congregation to donate money for Easter Lilies which would then be purchased in a group. Council approved. Pastor Assistant report approved.

Old Business: There was discussion on previous council meetings on how much money was to remain in the 4 designated benevolence. Eileen found documentation in February 2015 and January 2017 Council minutes that the decision was made to maintain balances of no more than \$250 in each benevolence account at the end of each year. Funds exceeding \$250 would be distributed to the benevolence at the end of each year.

New Business: Arlene showed a sample of ink pens she received for consideration of ordering some for Visitor Welcome Packets. Cost of each pen is about \$2.30 and it was decided to table this idea for now due to cost.

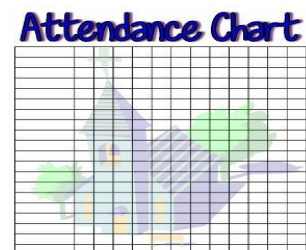
Pastor has proposed another Mission trip, 6 days, Sunday April 29th (after church) returning on May 4th. He will be getting a flyer out with all the information. This again will be opened to the Christian Community.

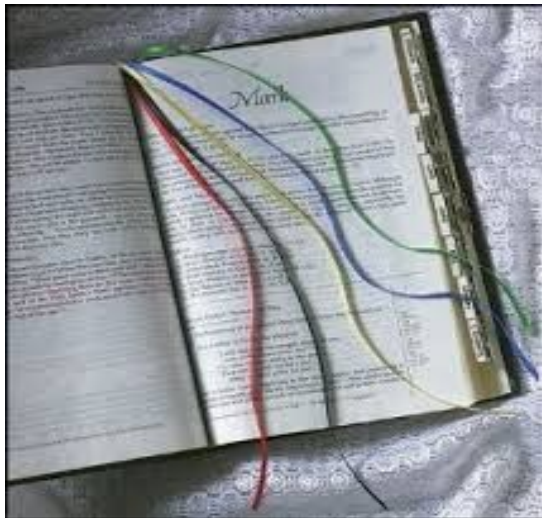
No further business. Council closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Peterson



FULL FINANCIAL AND
ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR
EACH MONTH AVAILABLE FOR
REVIEW IN OFFICE. STOP AND
TAKE A LOOK!





4/1 Readings

Acts 10:34-43
Easter Litany
John 20:1-18

4/8 Readings

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
John 20:19-31

4/15 Readings

Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 4
Luke 24:36-38

4/22 Readings

Acts 4:23-33
Psalm 23
John 10:11-18

4/29 Readings

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 150
John 15:1-8



From the Pastor

You may be wondering.....

Why go on mission trips?
Don't we have enough work to do here?

The answer comes from the Bible. In Acts chapter two the Jerusalem church made sure the needs of widows and orphans in their community were met by everyone: "*holding all things in common and distributing to each according to their need*". Yet they simultaneously, in Jerusalem and other churches, were sending funds and missionaries "abroad" through out the Mediterranean world. They were obeying the Great Commission and command of Jesus in Matthew 28: "*go out into all the world....*". So we are called to serve "glocally"!

Furthermore, I have served in 14 countries over my career and I can assure you that the needs in Kingman pale in comparison to the the much deeper, drastic needs, around the world--so we need to do both.

Please consider, therefore, being a "goer" or a "sender" by either joining us for one of our Living Word Mission trips, either in May or when we offer the next ones OR make a donation to help sponsor those who will go and serve in your place but can use a "scholarship" Contact me about either opportunity!

Pastor Michael



Have a question?

Submit it to Pastor Michael by email:
michael@islonline.org

See the answer in the next newsletter!

Tidbits!



Arts, Crafts, Woodworking, Etc. WE NEED YOU!

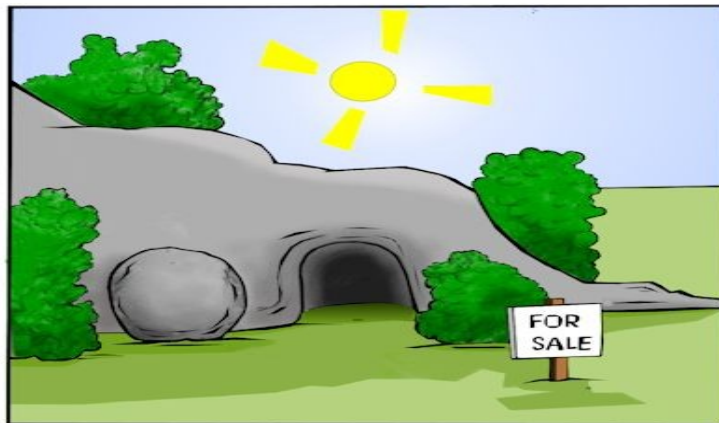
We're collecting handmade items for an arts & crafts area at the church yard sale in the fall. If you have a favorite hobby or skill in making handcrafts and would make 5 items to donate that would be wonderful. For more information or if you have questions, please call Karen Shaffer at (775) 513-8367 or catch her around the church keyboard on Sunday morning.

CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED-to take pictures during church activities and send by text or email to Eileen for the newsletter. The pay is cheap but the work is fun! Please contact Eileen-usually at the soundbooth each Sunday!

The Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center (AAPC) is offering a **Hope & Healing After Abortion, Pathway to Peace Weekend Recovery Workshop** for women suffering from the aftermath of abortion, Post Abortion Syndrome (PAS). **Thursday, 6/28 - Sunday, 7/1, 2018; starts Thursday at 7-9 pm, ends Sunday 1pm**

Many lives have been healed, forgiveness received, and hope brought to the women who have come to this workshop. Participants & facilitators will stay in a private home for the weekend. Food and lodging will be provided. There is no cost to the participants.

Please call Teresa at the AAPC 928) 692-1301 for further information.



FOR SALE - Single owner tomb. Only used three days, and still has that new tomb smell. Reason for sale.. resident was resurrected.

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

— **Mother Teresa**