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*The Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of the month.*

**Please email to:**  
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**or share with her on Sunday morning**

As a special project in one congregation, members were asked to select certain missionaries for whom they would faithfully pray each day for a certain period of time. Gordon and Sue



were discussing with each other whether or not they should make the commitment. It wasn't that they didn't want to; instead, they were worried they wouldn't be able to live up to their promise. They were taking the whole matter very seriously and wanted to be sure they would follow through. Would they remember to pray for the missionary family each day? Would they have the time?

What a wonderful privilege to be able to go to God anytime, day or night, in humble, fervent prayer! Jesus set a good example for us as we pray!

Jesus prayed **IN PUBLIC**. He went to the synagogues and participated in public worship. "...not giving up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing" Heb. 10:25 He tells us that where two or three are gathered in His name, He's right there.

Jesus prayed in **PRIVATE**. Jesus loved private prayer. He encourages us: "When you pray, go into your room and close the door and pray to your Father." Matt. 6:6

Jesus' prayer life was **PERSONAL**. As a model, He gave His disciples the Lord's Prayer. Only 70 words but it covers everything!

Jesus was **PERSISTENT** in prayer. Romans 12:12 tells us to be "joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer."

Jesus prayed for His **FRIENDS**. Jesus prayed for us (John 17). Think of it! Jesus, the holy Son of God prays for us.

Jesus prayed for His **ENEMIES**. Jesus prayed for those who mocked Him and even nailed Him to the cross (Luke 23:34) We will soon discover that we cannot continue to hate those for whom we pray. Prayer helps us adjust and cleanse our own hearts.

Prayer-what a beautiful subject to think about! What a privilege to be able to go to Jesus in prayer, anytime, about anything, day or night! What a very special blessing is ours!

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### Prayer List

*For continuing comfort and healing-Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Donna Kowalske, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Sue Bernard*

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



School has already resumed or will resume shortly for Kingman students! And plans are underway to resume Sunday School for Living Word youth. There is also discussion of developing some kind of children’s church program during the message time of our regular worship time. Do you have ideas? Can you be a helper either during Sunday School time or during the message time of our worship? Contact Donna Pederson for more information! (928-753-5762)

Think about a Living Word project that will meet a need in our community. How can we help? Talk with Rosie Freeman about sponsoring a Thrivent Action Team. All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. The number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type. Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including: Promotional banner, Invitations and thank-you cards, Thrivent Action Team T-shirts, a \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact!



*Some 2018 Thrivent Projects: Bunco Party for layette items for AAPC, Homecoming Celebration , Holiday Food Baskets, Root Christmas*

### 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.

**AUGUST EVENTS AT LWLC—JOIN IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**

8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29-8 AM Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30-6 PM Living the Word Men's grouping

8/5-9 AM Women's Bible Study (Women of the Bible), **9 AM Pastor's New Member Class**, Celebration Sunday Fellowship Time

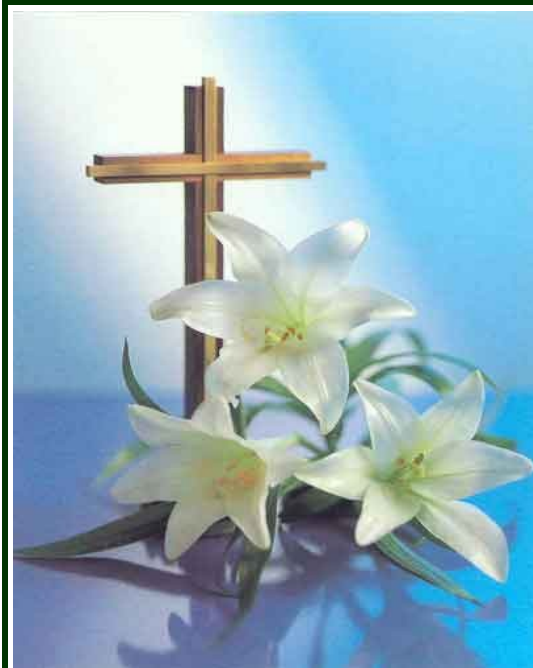
8/6-4:30 PM Council Meeting

8/12 NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, NO NEW MEMBER CLASS

8/18-11:30 AM WOW Crafts Meeting at the church

8/19-9 AM Women's Bible Study (Women of the Bible), **9 AM Pastor's New Member Class**

8/26-9 AM Women's Bible Study (Women of the Bible), **9 AM Pastor's New Member Class**, **10 AM EASTER IN AUGUST SPECIAL WORSHIP** (see below for info)



**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 and  
celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!  
August 26, 2018, 10 AM  
*Invite a friend or neighbor!*



**BIRTHDAYS**

John DeMuri August 13

**Anniversaries**

Don and Pat Bingham August 3



**Special Anniversary!**

Jim and Donna Pederson

August 4, 1968



**W.O.W Women of the Word: Business meeting 6/24-11 members** attended. Prior to the meeting Alice Jensen and Rosie Freeman presented information on communion preparation. Plans are progressing for formation of an Altar Guild. Members were thanked for the many church functions they have supported through planning and food donations. The Father's Day breakfast was well attended. Karen reported that she has not received many donations for the crafts area of the yard sale in September. Alice will lead a crafts workshop on

8/18. Council will be requested to select a chairperson for the overall operation of the yard sale. The July lunch meeting will be changed to Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> due to conflicts on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Lunch meeting 7/28-**Several **W.O.W.** members enjoyed lunch together at the Hualapai Mountain Lodge. The new "Lunch on Wheels" project suggested by Pastor Michael, to provide meals to church members who need assistance, was discussed; all of the women present agreed to be a part of the group to prepare and deliver meals. Char Methany will be the coordinator of the project and Rosie Freeman volunteered to be a Co-coordinator to assist Char. Alice and Rosie reported several church members have signed up to help with the altar guild and communion services. Co-chairs for Church Yard Sale to be held 9/21 & 9/22 will be Arlene and Eneida. Volunteers will be requested to fill the work schedules during the week prior to and days of the sale. Eileen reminded all about Easter in August (8/23) and Homecoming (9/9) special worship. The group closed with a devotion and discussion on Psalm 1:3.

**Special event 7/12-** A number of women of Living Word and guests had an outing in downtown Kingman. After lunch the group took a tour of the historic Bonelli House.

## LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH (SUMMARY JUNE 4, 2018)

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

Bob opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of last meeting approved. There were no new items of business presented to be included in the agenda.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Michael Birnbaum The new arrangement of chairs (aisle down the middle) seems to be working and has been received well. Trinity Sunday sermon challenged us to 'seek Jesus' and it has reignited more interest in small groups. Two new groups were added, Men's Support Group Thursday 6pm, Women's Support Group (date/time not scheduled yet). The Next group to be formed is any appropriate interest group or Bible study that 6-8 LW members want to start, Pastor will facilitate. Men's & Women's Support Groups also qualify as Cursillo groupings. Donna Ferguson will coordinate Cursillo connections. We are considering what is needed to make us an 'official' Cursillo church. Pastor is very pleased with how attendance appears to be holding strong and we have had visitors regularly. Most of them are staying. He would like to have new members received and is considering September 9<sup>th</sup> (Homecoming). For now he will use his New Member instruction class as confirmation. Starting this coming Sunday (6/10) we will be integrating the youth in to worship leadership.

Bob Alison receive a LCMC doc that is basically a rehash of an argument at the last LCMC gathering between Trustees and a group of concerned about procedure and authority in the LCMC. This does not affect us. It reaffirms LCMC churches don't have to have LCMC pastors. Pastor has again asked to be removed from the roster, preferring to maintain independent pastor rostering as a missionary. There are others in LCMC-AZ doing the same.

**President's Report:** Bob Allison Bob was very pleased at how the picnic on May 20<sup>th</sup> went.

**Vice President/Financial Report:** Arlene Allison/Ken Boulier Reviewed the financial report. Report was approved by council **Mission Coordinator:** Rosie Freeman Bunko night went really great. 23 ladies attended. The month of June is designated for the Aide & Pregnancy. Donna Pederson will be doing an Action Team for Root. Pastor will be doing an Action Team later in the year. Pen's with Living Word inscribed were ordered. These will be for a welcome packet and will be done as a Thrivent Action Team.

**Old Business:**

KEMA Tuesday prayer at Church for Month of August. Pastor will verify the dates. Homecoming celebration is set for September 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will be getting an agenda, there are plans for entertainment, Lease Payment discussed. Should it be quarterly or yearly? Council approved quarterly.

**New Business:**

Church Insurance? Should it be paid quarterly or yearly? Council approved quarterly.

**Communications/Suggestion Box:**

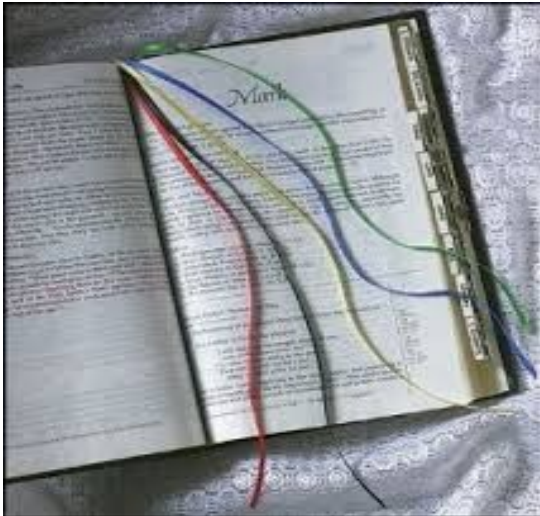
People have been asking about having a new Church Directory published. Pastor will talk to MaryAnn and Don Bingham.

Next meeting will be Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Peterson

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



**8/5 Readings**

Eph. 4:1-16  
 Psalm 78:23-29  
 John 6:24-35

**8/12 Readings**

Eph. 4:25-5:2  
 Psalm 34:1-8  
 John 6: 35, 41-51

**8/19 Readings**

Eph. 5:15-20  
 Psalm 34:9-14  
 John 6:51-58

**8/26 Readings**

Eph. 6:10-20  
 Psalm 34:15-22  
 John 6:56-69

*\*\*Scripture readings are subject to change*



**So what is an "Ultreya"?**

You may have noticed a little different twist to our potluck on the 29<sup>th</sup> (Christmas in July). By adding a little time for someone to share their faith and attempting to group and share our time with a "mixer" format we are borrowing from the Ultreya tradition. This tradition of being more intentional about fellowship and sharing personal faith stories in a common meal comes out of the Cursillo Movement. This movement is a spiritual renewal retreat movement with a beautiful Spanish history.

More info go to <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cursillo>.

Since many in our church, including myself, have been on or worked as a team leader on a Cursillo weekend, we will be using this Ultreya format now and then—it's a good way to "do fellowship". Another Cursillo tradition I am encouraging is the use of weekly "grouping" for men and women as an "accountability group" for **ANYONE** interested in growing your faith in this way. I liken it to a 12 step program for daily Christian living. We will be offering Cursillo weekends for members again and Donna Ferguson will be our coordinator. Contact her (928 715 9660) if you are interested. More info go to <https://lutherancursillo.org/>.

*Pastor Michael*



**Do you have a heart ♥ for prayer ministry?**

A group is being formed to offer individual prayer support on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be a prayer partner to support others, please signup on the Prayer sheet available in the Fellowship area after worship and we will contact you.

If you have questions, please contact:  
 Mary Ann Mallory - Cell: 951-207-2739  
 Donna Pederson - Home: 928-753-5762





**Do we go immediately to heaven when we die, or ?**

The Bible teaches that the souls of those who reject God in this life go to a place of eternal torment and separation from God—which would be the worst punishment of all. The souls of those who have given their lives to God in Christ Jesus and have listened to intently to Pastor Birnbaum’s sermons *every Sunday (REALLY???)*, go to a place of eternal blessedness from which we cannot “fall” and is an eternal communion with God and those others who have died in the faith.

There will be a point in time when God will call an end to human history and we will be reunited with our bodies (a glorified body for those believers) to experience a final judgment which will confirm the reasons our souls went to Heaven or Hell when we died or be an immediate judgment for those still alive when The End comes. (see Luke 23:43; Acts 7:59; Rev. 19:13; Phil. 1:23-24, 1 Cor. 15: 51-52, 2 Cor. 5: 1-8, I Thess. 4: 13-18). References to “sleep” are sometimes metaphors for death as in the account of the resurrection of Jairus’ daughter from our sermons last month. Is this “cut and dried” Biblically? Nope. Countless books and articles have been written on this subject with varying interpretations, many of which can be “proof-texted” in the Bible.

***This much we know for sure:*** now is the time to give yourselves to the Lord—all of you! This earthly life is temporary—it is a school, actually. The time God gives us to make our decisions about accepting his invitation of redemption. *Pastor Michael*



**Homecoming:** (noun ) a person’s arrival home after being away for a long time:

**LIVING WORD HOMECOMING**

SPECIAL WORSHIP

9/9/2018

Invite family & friends!



**Tidbits!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Living Word Yard Sale  
September 21 & 22, 2018**

Time to start collecting items to donate to our GIANT (HUGE-REALLY BIG!) fundraiser yard sale. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go into the Living Word General Operating Account. Same as last year, sale will be inside the building and spill over into our parking lot if needed! We will have bake sale items and craft items. We will have kitchen, bath, bed, garage items! We need items! (This is how to get rid of dust collecting stuff without guilt!). We need workers! We need buyers! How can you help?? Arlene Allison and Eneida Birnbaum are co-chairing this GIANT (HUGE-REALLY BIG!) event. See one of them to share your ideas and/or volunteer to help!

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

We could use some more talent in the craft area. We are hoping that we will need more than 2 tables of crafts at our Church Yard Sale. Right now we think we have enough to fill about 1 1/2 tables with crafts. So if anyone is inclined to share their craft items, I would love to hear about it!



Karen 775.513.8367

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



## Tidbits!

**Zabdi and Eneida took our bottle caps to Mexico for donations.**

“Plastic caps and plastic lids provide chemo treatments for Mexican children. **1,000 caps cover one chemo session for a child with cancer.** The Ministry, other businesses, and organizations collect and turn the caps in. If you wish to participate, we have drop off locations at several locations in Peñasco. Thank you to Living Word Church, Kingman, AZ for your donation of caps.”

*Taken from an article in Living Stones Newsletter*



### **Living the Word Group**

A new **Living the Word –Miller Street Group** will have its first meeting on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at Pat Toth’s home. Male, female, single, married, widowed, or divorced, all church members over the age of 12 are invited to share in the discussion. Our evening begins at 6:30 PM.

For our discussion topic, we’ll read a single page from a devotional titled “God Calling.” As an example, the September 19<sup>th</sup> devotional is titled “Full Joy” and the reading is based on John 15:11. One of the questions we’ll discuss is “Do I love and laugh and delight in the Lord and in the world He has given me?”

Pat will provide copies of the September 19th reading so no one needs to buy the book unless they want to.

After September 19th, the **Living the Word Miller Street Group** will meet the first and third Wednesday of every month. Pat will be putting a flyer on the back table with all of the details including her address and contact information.

Peace, Pat Toth

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— **Mother Teresa**