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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**



SUMMERTIME

“God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.”

Genesis 2:3

The old Porgy and Bess tune that declares, “Summertime, and the livin’ is easy” no doubt was written when life was so much different than what it is now. If you’re like most people, you are hoping that summer will be a time to kick back and relax a little, but maybe you’re afraid that it will end up like most other summers with lots to do and flying past far too quickly.

But while we may bemoan the fast pace of summer with all of its chores, the packing and unpacking for vacations, and repeated trips to ball games, it would be good to stop and think about “easy living.” So, let’s get some perspective from God’s Word about the importance of rest.

It can’t go unnoticed that God Himself rested after six days of assembling the universe. Knowing that time to kick back was important for the people He created, God instituted the Sabbath so that we would get the point that no one can work without a break along the way.

Tanks that run on “weary” all the time soon lack the stamina to do well spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and relationally. Even Jesus, with more sermons to preach, more people to heal, and more tasks to accomplish for His Father, often went apart to rest a while.

Why is it that some of us feel guilty or unfulfilled if we are not busy all the time? It’s important to realize that not everything needs to be done—at least not done *right now*. It may be more important to sit back with a tall glass of iced tea and contemplate the beauty of nature and the greatness of our God who is as faithful to us as the dependability of the seasons. As the hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” says, in “summer and winter and springtime and harvest . . . join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.”

So carve out a little easy livin’ time this summer and refresh your heart and spirit with blessedness instead of business. And don’t worry; the chores will still be there. They aren’t going anywhere!

Adapted from web site Strength for the Journey by Joe Stowell

Prayer List

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

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



Sunday School/Youth

**Tongues of fire, tongues of fire;
Mighty wind, mighty wind;
Holy Spirit's coming! Holy Spirit's coming!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord!**

As a special addition to our worship service on Pentecost, Living Word youth distributed red stoles and sang the above Pentecostal song complete with signing for the Pentecost Sunday on May 20. Congregation members were invited to participate. Great job!

A mission program "Baby Shower Bunco Party", sponsored by Thrivent, was held on June 1st to benefit the Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center (AAPC) with donations for their layette program. A fun time was had by women of the church and guests from the Pregnancy Center and Annie's Art Attic. The AAPC received many gifts of infant clothing and items needed for their clients' layette bundles.

This mission project continues throughout the month of June. There is a special need for clothing size 3 mo.- 4T. Summer clothes and girls clothes are especially needed. It's not too late to participate! Bring items to church by June 30!



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.

JUNE/JULY EVENTS AT LWLC—JOIN IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

6/24 -6/30 Bring items of clothing for June Mission Project for AAPC

6/24 Women's Bible Study 9 AM Women of the Bible

6/24 Following worship-Communion Assistant Training, WOW Business meeting

6/28 KEMA (Kingman Evangelical Ministerial Association) Meeting

7/1 and 7/8 NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31 8-9 AM Living Word Church open for prayer; all invited!

7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26 6 PM Living the Word Men's grouping

7/9 4:30 PM Council Meeting

7/11, 7/18, 7/25 8 AM Living the Word Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

7/15, 7/22, 7/29 9 AM Living the Word Women's Bible Study

7/19 Pastor attends LCMC Pastor's luncheon

7/21 11:30 AM WOW luncheon, place to be determined

7/26 Pastor attends KEMA meeting

7/29 10 AM CHRISTMAS IN JULY WORSHIP, CHRISTMAS DINNER POTLUCK TO FOLLOW!!

CHRISTMAS
in **JULY**



Join us after worship for a

Christmas Dinner Pot Luck!

Dig out your favorite Christmas recipes!

SAVE THE DATE!!

TIRED OF THE HEAT?

Christmas in July Worship

July 29, 2018 10 AM

Sing Christmas Carols as we
join in a special summer worship and
celebrate the birth of Christ!





Anniversaries

Leeland and Carol Nichols July 20
Ken and Cherie Bourlier July 31

BIRTHDAYS

Judy Ormsby	June 5
Todd Ormsby	June 10
Charlotte Matheny	June 22
Eileen Pressler	June 27
Eneida Birnbaum	June 28
Karen Shaffer	July 9
Christine Prather	July 14
Shirl Graff	July 20
Donna Pederson	July 20
Patricia Toth	July 31



Special Anniversary!

Bob and Arlene Allison
July 21, 1968



W.O.W Women of the Word:

The church women's W.O.W. group met on May 19th for a crafts workshop on creating wooden crosses to be made for sale at the arts & crafts section of the church yard sale. Rosie Freeman led the workshop and also updated the group on the mission projects planned for the remainder of the year. The next meeting of W.O.W. will be the quarterly business meeting after the worship service on Sunday, June 24th.

Update on Brooke Moser (Pastor Stan and Julie Simonik's daughter)

4/27/18 Dear Living Word family,

Warmest greetings to you all! We have a great news to share. Brooke's CT scan yesterday confirmed that after 12 chemo treatments she is now in remission! We praise God for His awesome healing power and trust Him with the next step - HIPEC and/or reconnect surgeries. Thank you for your faithful prayers in Jesus' name!

Rejoicing, Julie & Stan Simonik

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH (SUMMARY MAY 6, 2018)

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

Ken opened with prayer. Minutes from April meeting approved. Ken asked to add building lease as an agenda item to be discussed under new items.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael Birnbaum Pastor reported that along with Bob & Ken the 3 met with Keith, the president of Good Shepard. They had a good conversation on the possibilities of sharing their church building. After the meeting Pastor sent a letter to him which he read. There are plans in the works to have a Homecoming to celebrate our 'Church' on a Sunday in September. This would be to all who have ever attended Living Word. **President's Report:** Bob Allison_Bob reported on how pleased he was on how our mini retreat at Uptons B&B went last month. It was a great time for our council to work together in planning, reflecting. Gave a shout out to the WOW group for their hand in hosting the KEMA lunch on 4/26. Wallack Ranch Park has been reserved for \$25 for our church picnic on May 20th. Also purchased \$25 Cracker Barrel gift card for the winner of Bingo. He would like to suggest hosting a Bicycle safety rodeo. It would be something that will show parents that we are here and could attract some families to our church. **Vice President/Financial Report:** Arlene Allison/Ken Boulrier Reviewed the financial report. It is now a much cleaner look to the worksheet. A congregation member donated a piggy bank which was full and heavy. After all the coins were rolled and counted \$76 has been donated to the Thrivent Mission Account. Financial report approved.

Mission Coordinator: Rosie Freeman Rosie is looking at how we can help each of our 4 missions we support.

- **Cornerstone Mission:** Currently we are giving travel soaps, shampoo's, lotions. We will continue doing this thru out the year. At this time there will not be anything extra planned.
- **Annie's Attic:** Rosie has not talked to them yet. Pastor said he will talk to her to see if there is a special need that we could support.
- **Root:** They are looking for game equipment (basketballs, etc) also maybe having the basketball court painted. It was suggested that this be done either July or Oct. With leaning towards Oct when the weather is a bit cooler to be painting. Just a reminder we will submit this as a Thrivent Action.
- **Advice & Aide Pregnancy Center:** They suggested layette items. WOW is sponsoring a Bunco Night on June 1st from 6 to 8 pm at church. The tickets are free but admission is to bring an item listed on the ticket (layette items). This is open to everyone (not just the women). Seed money for this has been received from Thrivent

Rosie also gave each council member a list from Thrivent on 101 different Thrivent Service Projects they support.

Pastor Assistant: Eileen Pressler Will be checking on advertising in the chamber annual business directory. Pastor will be off on Father's Day 6/17. The women will lead the service. Pastor participated in the National Day of Prayer held at Kingman City Hall. He will be officiating at Allen-Flores wedding. The mission trip is scheduled for 5/14-18. The next KEMA meeting he will be attending is 5/31 KEMA – Each church will take a month sponsoring Tuesday Morning Prayer, where the church will be open for morning pray for 1 hour each Tuesday. Council approved for Living Word for the month of August.

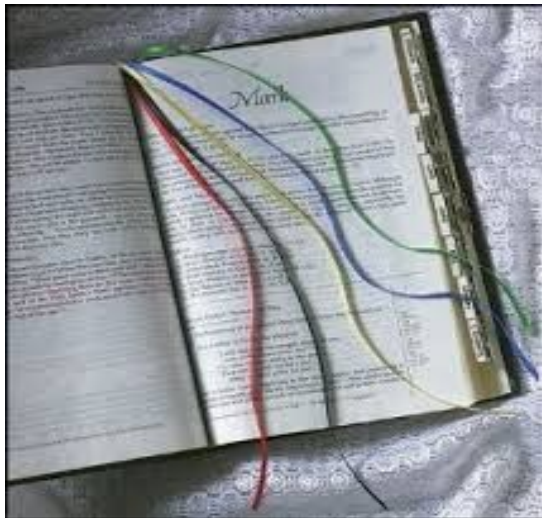
Old Business: After discussion, draft of Living Word Wedding Policy approved; will be on church website. Ink Pen's for welcome packets have been ordered. The chamber Ribbon cutting is on hold.

New Business: Discussed revisiting advertising in the Home Town Crier. Would like to see putting the Yard sale in the Crier. Date for the Yard Sale is 9/21-9/22. Council approved 9/9 for our Homecoming Worship Celebration. Suggestion was made that \$152 from the Thrivent Mission be added to the \$48 for Living Stone Mission for the up-coming Mexico trip. Council approved. There was discussion on the upcoming Lease renewal. It was decided that nothing will be done until after Good Shepard has their meeting and respond to Pastors email.

Our next meeting was decided to be on Monday June 4th at 4:30pm Council closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Peterson

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



6/3 Readings

2 Cor. 4:5-12
Psalm 61:1-10
Mark 2:23-3:6

6/10 Readings

Romans 8:31-39
Psalm 103:1-5, 22
Mark 3:20-35

6/17 Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Mark 4:26-34

6/24 Readings

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Mark 4:35-41

***Scripture readings are subject to change*

7/1 Readings

2 Cor. 8:7-15
Psalm 30
Mark 5:21-43

7/8 Readings

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
Mark 6:1-13

7/15 Readings

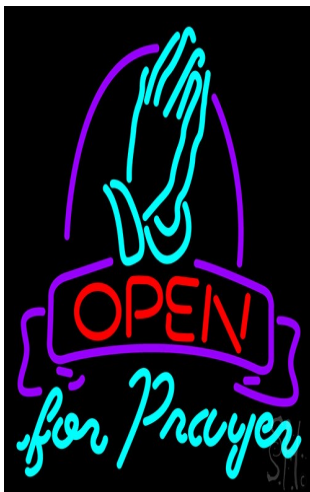
Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Mark 6:14-29

7/22 Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

7/29 Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
John 6:1-21



As part of our participation in KEMA (Kingman Evangelical Ministerial Association) our church will be open from 8-9AM each Tuesday in July.

The Kingman Prayer Force is made up of prayer intercessors from various churches in the Kingman area, and has been meeting at designated churches on Tuesday mornings for the past four years. The focus of our prayer time is God's promise found in 2nd Chronicles 7:14; *"If my people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* So the focus is to pray for repentance and renewal on every level from the nation's capitol to our personal home. Pastors and church members from everywhere in the Kingman area are invited to participate.

JOIN US FOR A QUIET TIME OF PRAYER!



Let's Talk Groups!

Dear LW Family,

It's a challenge to maintain and grow a daily walk with the Lord with only one "feeding" a week (Sunday worship). In response to numerous requests from our church family to have more weekly growth opportunities we now can offer the following "menu"!!

1. **Sunday mornings 9 am Women's Bible Study**
Currently lead by Eneida Birnbaum (928-715-8169)
2. **Wednesday mornings 8 am Men's Bible Study**
Contact Ken Bourier (928-715-3322) or Greg Jensen (928-530-0733)
3. **Thursday evenings 6 pm Men's Support Group (using Cursillo grouping format)**
Contact Bob Allison (928-727-1798)
4. **TBA Women's Support Group (using Cursillo grouping format)**
Contact Donna Ferguson (928-715-9660)
5. **Monthly Women of the Word (WOW) fellowship and activities**
Contact Karen Shaffer (775-513-8367)

Let's grow!!!!

As our church grows, ministry needs grow with it. This means we will be needing help in several areas in the months to come. Are you gifted in or just have a simple desire to serve in any of these areas? : children's ministry (both Sunday mornings and for a mid week program, work with Pastor in helping the needy in our area to get access to services they may need, planning fellowship events, gathering supplies for our mission efforts. Additionally, we'll be offering training starting in June in area to assist with worship: communion assistants, altar guild, readers, ushers, etc. Communion Assistant training will be held immediately after worship on 6/24.

Remember: every member gets a job!! :)

Pastor Michael



EASTER IN
AUGUST

SPECIAL
WORSHIP
8/26/2018



LIVING WORD
HOMECOMING

SPECIAL WORSHIP
9/9/2018

Invite family &
friends!



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!

May Mission Trip to Mexico



HOPE CHURCH

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
TO THE ORDINATION OF

WILLIAM HOMER MILLER

TO THE
MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT
AS THE
FAMILY PASTOR
FOR
HOPE CHURCH PHOENIX

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018 AT 1 PM
26525 NORTH 19TH AVE.
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85085

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



Congratulations!

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

— **Mother Teresa**

Tidbits!



Encida graduates!

June 16, 2018 was a special day for Encida and her family. She successfully completed 6 years of work and received her Certificate of Theological Studies from The American Baptist Theological Center. This certificate is essentially the equivalent of an Associates Degree and serves as an avenue of theological training for laypersons wanting to become professional church workers. Congratulations Encida! We're proud of you! Picture L to R: Rev. Dr. Enrique Torres (Director of the Institution) Encida and Cristian Arce (Board Member)

FATHER'S DAY WOW!

Special thanks to all WOW members who provided the delicious food and help set up and clean up for the special breakfast before worship on Father's Day.

And thanks to all who helped lead the special worship that Sunday:

- Worship leader: Eileen Pressler
- Lector: Carolyn Krick
- Prayers of the Church: Pat Toth
- Communion: Alice Jensen and Arlene Allison
- Greeter: Barbara McCord
- Ushers: Barbara McCord, Rosie Freeman, MaryAnn Mallory

Enjoying the Thrivent Sponsored Bunco Party to benefit
AAPC



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