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The Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of the month.

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**or share with her on
Sunday morning**

ARE YOU LISTENING??



I was standing across the counter from the lady at the hole-in-the-wall dry cleaners and I was getting irritated. She had lost my pants and I was sure of it. In broken English, the woman kept insisting that I hadn't dropped them off with my suit jacket.

"Ma'am, I wouldn't have just brought in a suit jacket," I said. "Can't you just check to see if there are some navy blue pants lying around somewhere?"

She grew more defensive and said that she was positive I didn't bring in any pants because she always double checks people's orders. She probably loses people's clothes all the time, I thought. She went to check one more time and I stopped and thought through the last time I had seen them. When she returned empty-handed, I had an idea. "Hold on a second," I said nervously. "I need to call my wife."

I called my wife and asked her to look in the drawer where I normally put the dirty dry cleaning. Then I waited. My wife got back on the phone. "Yeah, you've got some navy blue pants in here," she said. I got off the phone and sheepishly said, "Ma'am, I'm really sorry. They're at my house."

It's not the first time I've unjustly made negative assumptions. There was the time I got annoyed with the barista who ignored me when I spoke to him from behind. When he finally turned around and started talking, I realized he was deaf.

And let's not forget how remarkably rude the cashier was on Christmas Eve at the Hallmark store. It was so bad that when I came back in a couple of months later, I mentioned it to the manager. Her polite response caught me off guard. "I know exactly who you're talking about, sir, and I'll just say this: You never know what people are going through."

She was right. I didn't have any idea, yet I'm still prone to give myself permission to read people's minds, project motives and make assumptions with very little information.

James 1:19 says, "You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry." But in moments when we're convinced we're right, we do just the opposite: We're slow to listen, quick to speak and quick to get angry. And when we do that, it says a lot more about us than the person we're judging.

We apparently think we don't need to slow down and check our assumptions. We're so wise and knowledgeable that we're unwilling to give the thing we need: a little bit of grace, which people need regardless of whether our assumptions are right.

I once had a coworker who was always ascribing wrong motives to people and it irritated me. Finally one day I said, "You know what? I bet that nine out of ten times you're right about people's motives. But the one time out of ten you're wrong makes it not worth it."

Adapted from an internet article 8/25/18 by Joshua Rogers, a writer and attorney who lives in Washington DC

Prayer List

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

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 (K-5th)

Sunday School began on September 14th and we have 4 students with a confirmation student as an assistant. All children K-5th grade are encouraged to join us Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - 9:45 am, for music, prayers, a Bible story, snacks and occasional crafts. We are in our 4th week of studying the story of Moses.

The meeting place of ROOT (Reaching Out in Oneness to Teens), one of our church benevolent groups, has an outside basketball court in the back of the building which is used on a regular basis by the teens. They would like to have the floor of the court repainted and marked. We will apply for Thrivent Action Team funding for the materials and to purchase some equipment. We will also be seeking volunteers to help with the work on the project on Saturday, October 20th. Details for the project will be provided as they develop. Please contact Donna Pederson or Rosie Freeman for more information.



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.

OCTOBER EVENTS AT LWLC—JOIN IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31-8 AM Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

10/3,10/17-6:30 PM Living the Word-Miller Street Group

10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25-6:30 PM Living the Word Men's Group

10/7 -9 AM Women's Bible Study (Women of the Bible), Sermon Series on Psalms begins "Psalms of Praise", Celebration Sunday Fellowship Time, Pastoral Care Team Meeting following Worship

10/8-4:30 PM Council Meeting

10/14 -9 AM Women's Bible Study (Women of the Bible), Sermon Series on Psalms continues "Psalms of Comfort", Prayer ministry after worship begins (see pg. 6)

10/20-11:30 AM Monthly WOW luncheon-Place TBD

10/21-9 AM Women's Bible Study (Women of the Bible), Sermon Series on Psalms concludes "Psalms of Healing"

10/28-REFORMATION SUNDAY WORSHIP-WEAR YOUR RED SHIRTS!



Reformation Day is celebrated to varying degrees by all protestant churches since the birth of most denominations trace back to this pivotal event in history. Lutherans mark the event as a major celebration and it's officially referred to as **The Festival of the Reformation**. Until the 20th century, most Lutheran churches celebrated Reformation Day on October 31, regardless of which day of the week it occurred. Today, most Lutheran churches transfer the festival, so that it falls on the Sunday (called **Reformation Sunday**) on or before October 31 and transfer All Saints' Day to the Sunday on or after November 1.

The liturgical color of the day is red, which represents the Holy Spirit and the Martyrs of the Christian Church. Luther's hymn, "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" ("A Mighty Fortress is our God"), a paraphrase of Psalm 46, is traditionally sung on this day. The fact that Reformation Day coincides with Halloween is not mere coincidence. Halloween, being the Eve of All Saints' Day, might have been an entirely appropriate day for Luther to post his Ninety-five Theses against indulgences since the Catholic church would be open on All Saints' Day specifically for people to view a large collection of relics. The viewing of these relics was said to promise a reduction in time in purgatory similar to that of the purchase of an indulgence. We miss the true significance of this day however, if we see it only as a past event and fail to heed the call **for continous reformation**: reexamining our present day church's teaching and practice in light of the three great "battle cries" of Luther's day:

Faith alone, Grace alone, Word alone! Here we stand!!

Join us for worship on Sunday, October 28 as we honor Reformation Day and Martin Luther. Be sure to wear your red shirt **and BRING A FRIEND!**



October 7, 2018
Join us following
worship to celebrate
all October
birthdays and
anniversaries!



BIRTHDAYS

Zabdi Diaz Gaspar	Oct. 15
Donna Kowalske	Oct 29
Joel Anderson	Oct. 31

Anniversaries

Todd and Judy Ormsby	Oct. 1
Ron and Pearl Redmon	Oct. 14
John and Karen Shaffer	Oct. 17
Joel and Mona Anderson	Oct. 20



W.O.W Women of the Word:

The W.O.W. (Women of the Word) met for their third quarter business meeting on September 18th. The arts and crafts area of the yard sale together with the bake sale, which W.O.W is covering, were discussed. Karen Shaffer, Rosie Freeman and Alice Jensen were thanked for leading craft workshops during the year. Members agreed to pay for a newspaper ad focusing on the arts/crafts/ bake sale at the yard sale. The "Penny War" fund raiser, which began in September, is doing well and appears to be a fun competition between the women and me of the church. However, the sale of 120/\$5 tickets with a winning prize of \$100 seemed to be off to a slow start. Mary Ann Mallory was thanked for undertaking the sale of the raffle tickets during the Homecoming event, selling 15 tickets.

In other business, Donna Pederson told the members that a monthly prayer ministry will begin after worship services on October 14th. A prayer area will be established in the back office area and prayer members will be available to pray with church members after worship services on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Anyone interested in being a part of the prayer team may contact Mary Ann Mallory or Donna Pederson.

The W.O.W. luncheon meeting will be Saturday, October 20th, 11:30 a.m. All women who attend Living Word Lutheran Church are members of W.O.W. Everyone is invited to attend and to bring a guest. Please call Donna Pederson 928-753-5762 or Karen Shaffer 775-513-8367 if you have any questions.

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

(SUMMARY AUGUST 6, 2018)

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

Meeting was opened with prayer. Minutes from July meeting approved. No new items were added to the agenda.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael Birnbaum Nothing new to report

President's Report: Bob Allison Nothing new to report

Vice President/Financial Report: Arlene Allison Reviewed the financial report. Eileen suggested to make a change to the designated item worksheet to show income/expenses for just the current month instead of yearly. Report was approved by council

Mission Coordinator: Rosie Freeman Rosie received \$250.00 credit card from Thrivent Actions. This is for Missions outreach. Rosie will get with Pastor so he can give this to MaryAnn who will be placing an order for personalized pens. These pens will go into the gift baskets. September is a busy month with the Yard sale, Homecoming (Pastor is doing Thrivent Action Team Request) and Tea for Aide & Pregnancy.

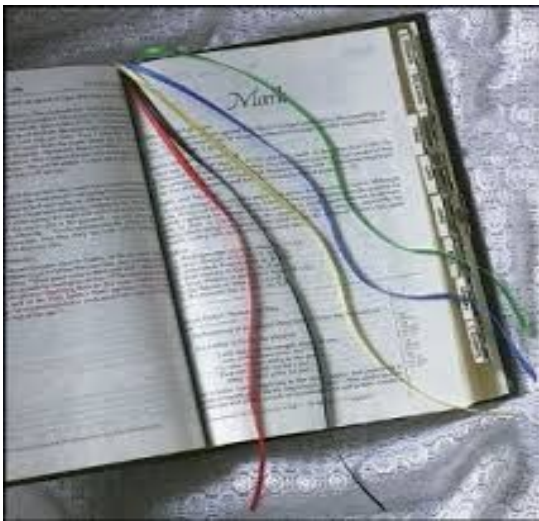
Pastor Assistant: Eileen Pressler Pastor will be off on 8/12 Todd Ormsby will be our worship leader. Message will be a video by Max Lucado "Before Amen, The power of a simple prayer" Easter in August is planned for 8/26. Pastor is adding 9/23 as his last day off for 2018. Office 365 software has been purchased, it will be renewed annually at a cost of \$109.34 yearly. Eileen had samples of worship guide covers that they are interested in purchasing. The cost is less than \$300 a quarter (approx. \$1,200 per year) During the time Pastor will be away (8/9-8/16) Joel Anderson will cover pastoral duties. Meals on Wheels will be coordinated by Char Matheny & Rosie Freeman with many wow volunteers to help and provide meals for members of our congregation when needed. There has been a request to have a prayer room set up after worship. Eileen will talk to Donna Pederson & Mary Ann Mallory to see what they would like to see or what their need would be.

Old business: Good Shepherd discussion: Their church will be having a congregation meeting soon. They are currently being served by an interim Pastor. Attendance is declining and there has been discussion of closing. Renewal of Pastor's contract call: Reviewed by Council and Pastor. Pastor requests addition of phrase "Contract Call is re-negotiable by request from either party with 30 day prior written notice" Council approved this change. When contract is corrected, it will be signed by Pastor Michael and Bob Allison. Autopay discussion: Arlene checked with our bank. If anyone wishes to have an auto-payment set up for church offering Arlene will be available to tell them how to set it up.

Next meeting will be Tuesday Sept 4th 4:30pm Meeting closed with 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!



10/7 Readings

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Psalm 8
Mark 10:2-16

10/14 Readings

Hebrews 4:12-16
Psalm 23
Mark 10:17-31

10/21 Readings

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Mark 10:35-45

10/28 Readings

Jer. 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Mark 10:46-52

Do you have a heart ♥
for prayer ministry?

***Scripture
readings are
subject to
change*



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 talk with Mary Ann or Donna after worship or give them a call. Plans are to have this group ready to officially begin by October 14. However, if you need individual prayer before then, let Mary Ann or Donna know!

Mary Ann Mallory - Cell: 951-207-2739
Donna Pederson - Home: 928-753-5762

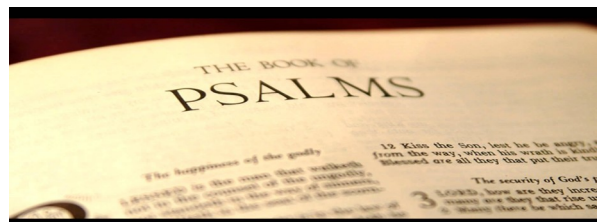
Sermon Series Starts this Sunday!



Earlier in the summer members of Living Word were invited to take part in a couple of surveys. One was to solicit feedback on songs for worship (and those results are being integrated into our "song line-up" :) the other was to determine what kind of subjects might be edifying for our church for a sermon series. A sermon series on the Psalms seemed to "fit the bill" for the responses received. This Sunday we'll hear about "Psalms

of Praise", on the 14th "Psalms of Comfort" and on the 21st "Psalms of Healing". Come learn more about the Psalms AND how to use them on a day to day basis to build your faith. These special sermon Sundays are perfect opportunities to invite a friend, neighbor, or family member!

Pastor Michael





BIBLES FOR INDIA

Our sister in Christ and Living Word family member, Mona Anderson, is currently on a mission trip in India. One of her main objectives is to provide Bibles so people will be able to read the word. Living Word members raised over \$250 to help purchase Bibles. Mona sent back this picture of the happy faces of one group as they received their Bibles.

Donna Pederson is creating a blog of some of Mona's emails of her activities in India, available in the narthex. Take time to read about Mona's experiences and be sure to keep her in prayer while there and for her safe return!

Living the Word Groups



A new **Living the Word –Miller Street Group** has been formed! The group welcomes everyone; male, female, single, married, widowed, or divorced, all church members over the age of 12. Meetings are planned for the first and third Wednesday of the month and the evening begins at 6:30 PM at Pat Toth's home on Miller Street.

For our discussion topic, we'll read a single page from a devotional titled "God Calling." The first meeting devotional was titled "Full Joy" and was based on John 15:11. One of the questions we discussed was "Do I love and laugh and delight in the Lord and in the world He has given me?" Pat provided copies of the reading and discussion followed. The next meeting is planned for October 17. Join us!

Living the Word Men's Group continues to meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 at the church. Although this group uses a Cursillo format for the gathering, prior attendance at Cursillo **IS NOT REQUIRED**. All men are welcomed to participate. Conversation and discussion focuses on helping one another live according to the Gospel and bringing a Christ-like attitude to daily activities.

Being part of a group is something we, as humans, naturally like to do. Living the Word groups provide an opportunity for us to spend time together and learn from one another as we wrestle with the questions of our daily life. Friendships deepen as we share experiences, ask questions, pray together, and extend our worship beyond Sunday morning!

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20

Tidbits!

Our second annual fundraiser Yard Sale held September 21 and 22 was a success! \$1,680 was received and will be added to our general fund. Thanks to Arlene Allison and Eneida Birnbaum for co-chairing the event, and to all who helped in any way. Special thanks to all who helped clean-up on Saturday at the end of the event. Our worship area was cleaned and ready for worship on Sunday!

By the way: Craft sale item are still available.
Check them out!

**Shoppers and Crafts at our Yard Sale!****Celebration of 50 years of marriage!**

During worship on 9/30/18, Pastor Michael led our congregation in celebration of 3 couples who have shared 50 years of marriage! Each couple re-affirmed the vows they had taken in 1968. After worship, the couples sponsored a special fellowship meal, complete with anniversary cake and a toast with sparkling juice.

**Penny War Continues!**

Month 2! Check out the penny jars at the back of our worship area. The challenge winner will be announced at the church Thanksgiving dinner in November. Keep shaking those piggy banks, money socks, etc
CHA-CHING!

**Do you have old prescription glasses??**

Pat Toth belongs to the Kingman Mohave Lions Club whose motto is "We Serve" One way Lions serve is by providing vision care to both children and adults. If you have old prescription eye glasses you no longer need, please donate them to the Lions Club by giving them to Pat any Sunday. The glasses will be sorted, cleaned, and reused within our community.

Tidbits!



Living Word Homecoming September 9, 2018

What a wonderful first homecoming celebration we had on Sunday, September 9! Joyfully, we welcomed 6 new members to our church family: Mona and Joel Anderson, Bev Valentine, Pat Toth, Vern Parsons, and Louise Allen!

In addition to Pastor Michael, two of our former Pastors, Pastor Dan Storvick and Chaplain Denny Colvig attended and participated in the service.

Children were treated to balloon creations that brought smiles to their faces. Following our worship service, a fabulous fellowship meal was enjoyed.

Thanks to Pastor Dan Storvick whos served as our photographer for this auspicious occasion!

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