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June Devotion-

Spiritual Summer!

Summer is on the way! Some summers overflow with joy! Some summers may be filled with deep sadness and pain. The common thread is that every summer is unique and has its own tale to tell.

There are spiritual seasons as well. We will each walk through the spiritual seasons many times. Autumn is a time of change. Winter is a time of barrenness and preparation. Spring is a time of rebirth. And summer is a time for bearing fruit and embracing the abundant life that surrounds us.

Summer is a season known for cultivating and bearing good fruit. There is just nothing like a sweet, sun-ripened, summer strawberry. It is like a taste of heaven on earth! Our spiritual fruit of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control must also be cultivated and ripened so it can taste even sweeter than the best summer strawberry.

There is one sure way to do this, and that is to remember *who* our spiritual gardener is and to remain in Him always.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5 NIV)

The key to embracing our spiritual summer, no matter what time of year, is to remember to seize the joy of the season. This is a time to feel the heavenly warmth on our face and revel in the beauty that surrounds us. Relax, have fun, celebrate, and abide in gratitude for the blessings that surround. Fall and winter will come, but we can't let thoughts of the unknown rob us of the joy of the moment. The seasons may change, but our good and loving Father does not.

Let's celebrate our summers, both the natural and the spiritual, and embrace every story being written, because God's

hand is in each one.

Scripture for Reflection

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23 NIV)

So seize the joy of the season! Embrace the summer and all of its goodness. Start each day with a prayer of gratitude to our Father, and then go and enjoy the sunshine! Go to the beach, savor an ice cream cone, run through a sprinkler, tend to your garden—whatever brings you summer joy.

Let's do this! Be courageous, and let's be brave enough to defend our joy with an ice cream cone in one hand and God's Word in the other!

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We pray: Lord, thank you for the gift of summer. Thank you for ice cream cones, backyard barbecues, and sun-drenched memories. May we seize each moment of joy and remember that you are the true cultivator of our harvest and author of our stories. Amen.

Devotion adapted from 2016 internet article from *The Glorious Table*, by Sarah Lundgren



June Scriptures

6/6 2 Cor.4:13-5;1, Psalm 130, Mark 3:20-35

6/13 2 Cor. 5:6-10, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, Mark 4: 26-34

6/20 **FATHER'S DAY** 2 Cor. 6:1-13, Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32, Mark 4:35-41

6/27 2 Cor. 8:7-15, Psalm 30, Mark 5: 21-43

Prayer Requests

For continuing comfort and healing

Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Char and Dale Matheny, Carol Wostal, Nick Nichols, Cherie Bourlier, Karen Shaffer, Andrew Johnson, David Scroggins

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).



A house blessing is a meaningful way to welcome God's peace, protection, and care for the home, the family who lives there, and all who enter the home.

Join us as we bless our
Living Word Parsonage
976 Shadow Crest Way

The celebration and special blessing will be held
June 6, 2021, beginning at noon.

Parsonage blessing will be officiated by
Pastor Michael Birnbaum. Refreshments will follow.

June Dates to Remember

June 1-Council Meeting, 5 PM, at church
June 2,9,16,23, 30-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship
at church 9 AM

**June 6-BLESSING OF THE PARSONAGE, noon follow-
ing worship, 976 Shadow Crest Way**

**June 7, 9, 14, 16,21, 23, 28, and 30-BIBLICAL CITIZEN-
SHIP CLASSES-at church, 6-7:30, doors open at
5:30**

June 10, 24-Blessed and Unstoppable, IHOP 5:30

June 12-WOW, Floyd's BBQ, 11:30 AM

June 19-Women's Bible Study at church 9:30-10:30

June 20-FATHER'S DAY

June 26-8 AM-noon VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



RED! RED! RED!

It was a sea of RED last Sunday as we launched into the Season of Pentecost. This begins a season of texts that will have a theme of "growth" in the sense that the Season of Pentecost is also called "The Cycle of the Church" because it is about half of the church year and traditionally gives us time to focus on "how to grow: both our faith and the church". That's why we launched the season last Sunday with the traditional Acts text describing how the Church was "born". So it is that I challenged us, as a church, to be on the lookout for ways God can use us to be "firetalkers" – people who share the Holy Spirit by simply sharing what God has done in you, in your own words. Think about what you will say when that friend or neighbor asks you why you believe! All the new people coming to Kingman, just as at the original Pentecost, are looking for new life and a spiritual new beginning – and that can be Living Word Lutheran Church THROUGH YOU!

Pastor Michael

LIVING WORD IN ACTION!

Women Of the Word -- WOW was busy holding a very successful garage sale for the parsonage, with many WOW members participating, the weekend of the May meeting. **GOOD NEWS** -- \$550+ was raised for the church general fund. **Thanks** WOW and **Thanks** to the men's group that did the table hauling for the sale!! June is a busy month too with the Parsonage Blessing on June 6th, which WOW will host, and the Biblical Citizenship meetings (be sure to register -

- really good stuff --) but we're going to take time out for lunch together.

**Saturday, June 12th, 11:30 a.m. at
Floyd's, 420 E Beale Street**

**-- choice of yummy bbq with all the
fixin's or delishush pizza -**

The only item of business might be an update from Pat Toth on plans for the KEMA lunch on July 29th. We'll update agenda, if needed.

**Bring a friend. All women who attend
Living Word are members of WOW!**



The Saturday Women's Bible Study group met on May 22nd and began exploring "Really Bad Girls of the Bible" with the Introduction. It was far more interesting than the Introduction to most books. Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 19, from 9:30-10:30 at church. We'll be studying the "Medium of En Dor" in the first chapter. Thanks to Donna Ferguson for ordering a supply of "Really Bad Girls..." books at a really low price. There's one

unsold copy, but we can always order more! Contact Rosie Freeman at 928-303-3983 if you'd like more information.

Donna Ferguson's Wednesday Lunch Group is taking time off during the summer. They finished "You're either Walking the Walk or just Running your Mouth!," and three of the four members have summer vacation plans. They're looking forward to beginning a new book this fall.

The Men's 9 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study group, led by Greg Jensen, meets every Wednesday at 9 AM at church. They're studying "The Ten Men of the Bible" by Max Lucado. Some Wednesdays, the men also tackle projects

such as updating the container behind the church or doing whatever maintenance is needed at the parsonage. This group welcomes new members.

The "Blessed and Unstoppable" small group for professional women is still meeting every-other Thursday evening at IHop. They've begun studying "The Ten Women of the Bible" by Max Lucado. Contact Beverly Valentine if you'd like more information.

All members of Living Word are encouraged to participate in a Small Group. If you're interested in attending or forming a group, please see or call the Small Groups Coordinator, Pat Toth (928-202-4370).

June Celebrations

June 5 Judy Ormsby

June 9 Vern Parsons

June 10 Todd Ormsby

June 22 Charlotte Matheny

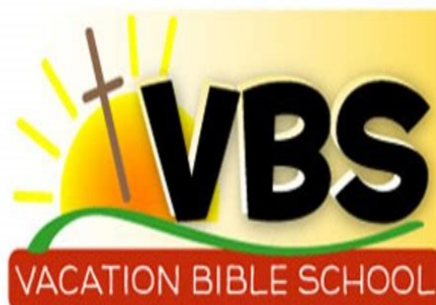
June 25 Eric Hofflund

June 26 Janice Whitlow

June 27 Eileen Pressler



June 16 Mac and Sonja LaSoya



JUNE 26, 2021 8-Noon

SAVE THE DATE!

Living Word will be sponsoring an action packed day of fun for all kids ages kindergarten through 5th grade!

Kids will participate in crafts, singing, Bible story fun, and of course, snacks! Plan to invite your kids, your

grandkids, your neighbors to share the fun. Encourage them to bring their friends.

As a special treat the event will close with distribution of filled back packs and a special blessing as they anticipate return to school.

Contact Alice Jensen for more info!

Living Word Council Minutes-Meeting Summary 4/5/2021

President Bob Pressler, Vice-President Rosie Freeman, Pastor Michael Birnbaum, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler, Mission Coordinator Alice Jensen & Secretary Sharon Peterson. Guest: Donna Pederson

Pastor opened with prayer. March minutes approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael Easter Worship service was a great Blessing. So pleased to see so many people attend. 64 in total.
No plans to be off on any April Sundays. We are waiting to hear back from AFLC on meeting with us.
Discussion on a new pastor being interim or hired (installed) pastor. According to our constitution, does it give authority to council to offer Brandon (or anyone else) an interim position, without going to congregation? Pastor does want to retire but wants to see us successful and not left without a pastor. Paid the March utilities at the parsonage.

Pastor Assistant: Eileen Pressler Easter Worship was fantastic. Attendance 64. Group distribution of communion was received well. Brandon Scroggins refer-

ence request has been sent out (5 total). WOW has requested approval for Spring Yard Sale at parsonage, date to be determined. Also, approval for annual Yard Sale in the fall, Food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. All requests approved. Should we send quarterly contribution statements? Council said that this would be a good idea.

President-Financial Report: Bob Pressler Email sent to AFLC to inform them we could not accept their suggested change to our constitution and bylaws, regarding calling a pastor. Email request to change the suggested dates for their visit to 4/29 – 5/1. Waiting to hear back. Donation on Kowalske home: Henry Verga is working on getting us a new EIN number. Living Word Lutheran Church – Kingman, Inc. Cherie donated a container which has been moved to the church lot. Men had a work day Saturday, 4/3. They cleaned and painted. Next work day is scheduled for 4/10 (more cleaning and carpet removal). Looking at new paneling and new door. Review of Agenda for congregational meeting: The only change is, Update on application to affiliate with Association of

Free Lutheran. Eileen will have this emailed to the congregation. Review of Treasurer report. Report approved.

Mission Coordinator: Alice Jensen Investigating a international mission. Her committee wants to do a bit more investigating into Mercy Ship. Pastor thinks that would be a good choice and thinks they are a solid mission. Alice wants to get more information. Once decided will need to go to the Congregation.

Council approved all reports.

Old Business:

Eileen will look into "Proclaim" software in May.

Pastor will be looking into doing a new members class.

Next meeting: Monday, May 3, 2021 5:00 pm

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Peterson, Secretary



BIBLICAL CITIZENSHIP IN MODERN AMERICA

**Living Word Lutheran Church, 2570 E. Northern Avenue,
is hosting "Biblical Citizenship in Modern America"**

You are invited to watch the videos and join the discussion to appreciate how we can help preserve our God given freedom. Bring yourself, family, friends and neighbors. Pastor Toni Henry is a certified Biblical Citizenship coach and will be with us to lead discussion and answer questions.

Biblical Citizenship in Modern America classes

begin Monday, June 7, and end Wednesday, June 30.

(June 7/9, 14/16, 21/23, 28/30) Classes are from 6-7:30 pm

REGISTER TODAY – open attendance – come when you can!!

Doors will be open at 5:30 so feel free to bring your own brown bag dinner if you wish.

Classes are free; however a one-time free-will donation of \$10 per family will be appreciated!

Optional workbooks will be available at \$25. Questions? Telephone: Living Word: 928-753-5952

or email: LivingWord-BiblicalCitizenship@mail.com.

Register online at: <https://www.patriotacademy.com/coach/register/1396>.

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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.

