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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

August Devotion-

Coworkers in God's Garden

"We are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field." 1 Corinthians 3:9

Sometimes I think of our backyard garden as my project. After all, I plow in spring; I plant seeds and seedlings (with some help from my wife); I stake up tomato plants (with help cutting and tying the strings); I cultivate around plants; I pick the produce (with help when the harvest is heavy); I uproot plants as they die off; and I plow up the garden before winter. Come to think of it, my wife processes the produce, and occasionally I assist. As you can see, the garden is more than my project. I need a coworker in the garden.

God's garden is as big as this world. Comparing and competitive Christians in Corinth needed to be reminded that God never planned for us to tend his garden alone. Nor was one person more important than another in this project. We are all privileged to be coworkers with God and each other in our Lord's mission to rescue and restore his creatures and creation. And each person is important.

Working together is essential in the field we call the church. Our gifts and efforts are encouraged and coordinated, and relationships are cultivated to build up the body of Christ as God's agents of transformation in the world. The most effective churches I have served know and practice this.

How are you doing with your church in working together
in God's garden?

Prayer

Lord, only you can make your church grow in line with your purposes. Help me to work well with you and with all others in Christ. Amen.

Adapted from an internet article by Pastor Don Byer 7/9/17



Prayer List

*For continuing comfort and healing-*Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Donna Kowalske, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Sue Bernard, Cathy Bain, Char and Dale Matheny, Barbara McCord

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).

August Celebrations

August Birthdays!



No August birthdays



Don and Pat Bingham Aug. 3
Jim and Donna Pederson Aug. 4



Our little song birds are meeting right after service every Sunday unless something else is happening then. We are currently learning the song Micah 6:8 which we are hoping to present to the church in August. Some songs are new and it takes a certain amount of dedication and willingness to learn the songs we present. We would like some more voices and male voices are welcome! Come join us!

If you are interested, please call Karen at 775.513.8367

Song of the Month!

Beginning in September, Pastor is considering starting a Song of the Month. It will be a song that is included in each and every worship service for that month. It could be a new song. It could be a much loved traditional hymn. It could be a more contemporary song that you think we don't sing often enough! Got ideas? Write them down and tell Pastor or Eileen. September worship planning begins soon!



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

8/6 Council Meeting, noon

8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28- 8 AM Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

8/17 W.O.W. meeting, 11:30; place to be announced

8/25 EASTER IN AUGUST

AUGUST SCRIPTURES

8/4 Colossians 3:1-11, Psalm 49:1-12, Luke 12:13-21

8/11 Hebrews 11:1-3, Psalm 33:12-22, Luke 12:32-40

8/18 Hebrews 11: 29-12:2, Psalm 82, Luke 12:49-56

8/25 Isaiah 58: 9-14, Psalm 103:1-8, Luke 13:10-17



A happy August to all---

I know many of you, me included, are tying up loose ends this summer. I also have gotten in the habit of trying to provide a weekly “apply the sermon” note and a couple of updates weekly instead of a traditional monthly Pastor’s Column. Besides that, I personally think the lead articles Eileen comes up with are super.

As we bring our summers to an end, let’s look forward to “gearing up” for the fall. I’ll be doing some home visits among both our regulars and new members as I did when I first came to Living Word with the idea of discerning together what new and/or continued direction do we feel God is leading us to as we start the new Church Year! I realize that’s technically Advent ☺ but I always see our church year of activities as starting in September when we are all “back home”.

Soooooo, be thinking about what you might want to share with me about the future of our little growing congregation. What might be some next steps for us spiritually, programmatically, worship-wise, and administratively, including spiffing up our church building (several have already mentioned this one...)

Don’t forget to invite someone for Easter in August (25th) !!!!!!!!!!!

Please be safe as you end up your summer travels. I am very much looking forward to our fall together !

May the Lord bless and keep each and every one of you! *Pastor Michael*



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH (SUMMARY JUNE 2, 2019)

Pastor Michael Birnbaum, President Ken Bourlier, Vice-President Bob Pressler, Treasurer Arlene Allison, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler. & Secretary Sharon Peterson. Excused: Mission Coordinator Rosie Freeman
Pastor Michael opened with prayer.

May Council minutes approved.

Pastor Assistant: Eileen Pressler Pastor Michael will be on medical leave 6/9, 6/30, 7/7 & 7/14. Pastor Michael anticipated to return 7/21. Chaplain Denny Colvig has confirmed for 6/9 & 6/23. Notes have been sent to Dan Storvick and Bill Miller to check availability. Compensation for supply Pastor are to be deducted from Pastor Michael's monthly salary.

Faith Lutheran church, Youth Drama Team presentation was a great success. There were approx. 30 in attendance. Thanks to Thrivent Grant \$250, it covered the total cost. Miner ad, Pizza and Breakfast items came to \$239.09. Balance of \$10.91 balance will be applied to printing costs at UPS.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael Birnbaum Pastor expressed his appreciation for the church's willingness to pursue his health rehab this summer. He also reminded that he doesn't mind being 'on call' for any pastoral care phone calls, arrangements, etc during his time away.

President's Report: Ken Bourlier Ken will be signing a yearly lease for our building.

Financial Report: Arlene Allison May financial report approved.

Vice President: Bob Pressler After investigating different church insurance, recommended continuing current insurance. Council approved.

Mission Coordinator: Rosie Freeman on vacation. Eileen mentioned that with the WOW tour of Cornerstone Mission that they have a need for Towels, wash cloths. She will take care of having a basket at the back of church to collect (new and used).

New Business:

Church cleaning: Ken inquired on the cost to have the church cleaned. Arlene has agreed to clean the church.

Next meeting July 11th 12:00 pm

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

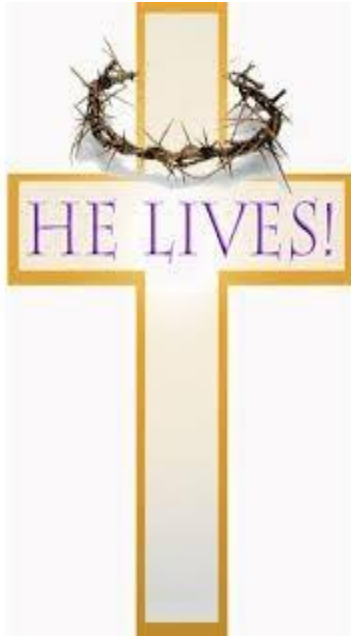
Respectfully submitted by Sharon Peterson, Secretary



WOW!! Women Of the Word

In June the W.O.W. women's group toured the Cornerstone Mission and found out the many ways the Mission serves the homeless men, families and others in need in the community. A meal and a shower with clean socks and briefs are always available at the Mission for those in need. At the Father's Day potluck luncheon donations were received to buy those items for Cornerstone. \$73 was received and \$60 was added from the Sanctity of Life Thrivent fund. **A total of 69 pairs of socks and 32 briefs were purchased to donate to Cornerstone Mission.** The Living Word Church family is always faithful to give in the mission field. Thank you!

In July, W.O.W. met at Mr. D's for lunch on Saturday, July 20th, and discussed the upcoming church yard sale which is being sponsored by **W.O.W.** Karen Shaffer and Pat Toth are the co-chairs for the sale. Pat will present information during announcements on Sunday mornings to encourage participation by the congregation. The August meeting of **W.O.W.** will be Saturday, August 17th. Agenda and location will be announced closer to the meeting date. Wherever we meet, you will enjoy it. Save the date to come and share the fellowship with other Christian women. Bring a friend!



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 25, 2018, 10 AM
Invite a friend or neighbor!

Homecoming: (noun)

a person's arrival home after being away for a long time:

**LIVING WORD HOMECOMING
SPECIAL WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER
Invite family & friends!**



3rd Annual Giant, Huge, Really Big Fundraiser Yard Sale

Friday, September 20, and Saturday, September 21

7 AM until 2 PM both days

Contact one or more **Teams** to let them know when and how you'll help.

Set-up & Take-down: Karen Shaffer (775-513-8367)

This team swings into action starting September 8th. And keeps going until the sale ends.
There's plenty of opportunity to help set-up, sell; and don't forget, we need to take it down too!

Drop-off and Set-up Times and Dates

- Drop-off small items: Sunday, September 8th and 15th
- Drop-off all other donations: Monday, September 16, through Thursday, September 19 from 9 AM to 3 PM.

There will be two teams of helpers during drop-off.

- Morning team: 9 AM until Noon
- Afternoon team: Noon until 3 PM

Day of Sale Helper Teams

There will be two teams of helpers each day during the sale.

- Morning team 6:30 AM until Noon
- Afternoon team: Noon until 3:30 PM.

Crafts/Raffle: Karen Shaffer (775-513-8367)

We have many creative people in our church. For example, Karen has sewn a beautiful Ten Commandments quilt. Your crafts are needed too, so don't be shy. If you made it, we'd love to sell it!

Advertising: Pat Toth (330-416-1335)

It won't be much of a sale if we don't have customers! That's why Pat's putting ads in the Daily Miner, Facebook, WikiDo, and other places. If you'd like to help get the word out, this is the team for you!

Cashiers: Debbie Cronsell (630-485-1811)

We need four 2-person teams to take payments and bag sold items. See Debbie if you like people and money.

Bake Sale: Eileen Pressler (928-486-8511)

Cookies, cakes and other home baked goodies sell! Let Eileen know what sweet treats you'll bring.

LWLC Mission Groups: Donna Pederson (928-377-7340)

Donna is reaching out to each of the mission groups we support to ask for a poster we'll hang at church. Give her a call if you'd like to help.

Food: Pat Toth (330-416-1335)

We're not selling food to the public. However, Pat's making sure there's breakfast and lunch for all team helpers both Friday and Saturday during our yard sale. Be sure to let her know if you'd like to help.