

LIVING WORDS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



Gia Ray Church in Vietnam

Here are the latest photos from Gia Ray Church in Vietnam.

As you may remember, this is the bathroom project approved by us last summer, pretty amazing what they built for the money we donated. This serves a church of 300 which is centered in a small community. Also included are VBS photos!



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YOUTH

Welcome back to school and church! With school starting, so starts the beginning of Sunday school. We are also starting our first Sunday of worship in the sanctuary!

RALLY SUNDAY is on Sunday, September 13 with Sunday school beginning at 9:00 AM instead of 8:45 AM and worship service at 10:00 AM. There will be no coffee fellowship right now or Sunday school music time. So kids can go right to their classrooms. The rooms will be marked. Here is a list of teachers:

- **Pre-school** – Lacey Busack
- **Kindergarten – 1st grade** – Cailey Sime and Maggie Kruger
- **3rd and 4th grade** – Tina Balling and Sheila Bien
- **6th-8th grade** – Brian and Janel Sandvig
- **9-12th grade** – Sue De Jong

We also have some **RECHARGE WEEKENDS** coming up this Fall at **OKOBOJI BIBLE CAMP** in Iowa. Please let me know if you want to go. It is a wonderful time to connect with God and other Christians from other churches.

- 4-6th grade weekend is October 23-25
- 6th-8th grade weekend is November 13-15
- 9th-12th grade weekend is November 20-22

We will be contacting all the students to meet one on one with them throughout the year. This will be a time to talk with them about their faith and ask any questions they may have. Also this will be a time to pray for them with any concerns they may have. I am still waiting to hear back from the Wagner's as far as a **YOUTH KICK-OFF**. I will let you know as soon as I can. Let's make this the best year ever to grow in our faith, and impact the world for Christ!

*In Christ's love,
Kay*

SHE TEACHES MY CHILDREN

The Lord has a special place
For those who teach little children

She arrives early;
She leaves late.

The children love her;
The parents think she's great!

She cares for the children
And tells them of Jesus' love.
She instills in their hearts a desire
to know of our Father above.

She teaches them the Bible;
she teaches them to pray;
Sometimes she just teaches
them to be still.

She is dedicated to serving the
Lord in this way,
And we praise her for
being in his will.

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For those who teach little children

– Diane Presley



WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD

It is a hot day but we know that summer is nearing an end as our children are headed back to school.

The uncertain times continue with new covid cases every day. We need to continually pray that God will choose to bring an end to all this upheaval in our country.

We are attempting to resume some normal church schedules too. **CIRCLES** will begin the new Bible study on the minor prophets when they hold meetings at their regular time on September 15. We will have buffet style lunches at each circle and practice social distancing. Pastor will be holding a Bible study leaders meeting on September 9 after confirmation (about 5 PM). This will be the usual time for the Bible study leaders meeting – the Wednesday afternoon before the circles meet at 5 PM. We need to let pastor or Lisa know who our Bible study leader is and if that time works for them. We will try to move to a different time for that month if that doesn't work for someone that would like to attend. The new study books are in the church office and are \$6 each.

The **MISSION PROJECT** for August has been school supplies and they could still be left at the church. In September we will donate non-food items to the Grant County Food Pantry. They can be taken to the courthouse or left at the church. We completed 14 hygiene kits. Thank you for your generosity.

There will be an **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** on September 10 at 5:15 PM. We will be planning activities for the rest of the year so please try to attend if you are an officer or circle chairperson. We will be discussing the October 6 meeting where we will elect officers as well as be making decisions on bake sale, St. Lucia versus a meeting in December and other activities.

The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** may be calling you as they are looking for a slate of officers for next year. Please prayerfully consider this service of God's work.

QUILTERS are meeting at their regular time and can always use extra hands.

We continue to work on **MATS FROM PLASTIC BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS**. If you have plastic bags please bring them to the church. If anyone would like to be part of this project you can cut the bags into strips and hook them together.

They do not tangle so can be stuffed in a tote bag or rolled into a ball.

I did find an extra huge crochet hook around here so if anyone would like to crochet some of them I could loan you the hook.

They are made with rows of single crochet and need to be 30 x 72

so are not difficult to make. There are YouTube directions.

I received a call about an **ASPIRE EVENT** that is to be held at the New Life Church in Watertown on November 7. It is a 3 hour event with a Bible teacher, comedian and worship leader. It looks like a good event. They said seating would be limited due to social distancing. Tickets are \$25 each or \$20 each if you buy 10 and then you get an 11th one free. Pastor thinks a group of us should plan to go. See info in this newsletter.

Remember our special friends, shut-ins, ill and students.

TALK WITH GOD no breath is lost
WALK WITH GOD no strength is lost
WAIT FOR GOD no time is lost
TRUST IN GOD you will never be lost

LWLW Chairperson
Marcia Heinje



Aspire

Speaker & Bible Teacher
MARY SHANNON



Comedy by
KRISTIN WEBER



Worship with
JAIME JAMGOCHIAN



*1 night – 3 hours
Just for Women
An evening full of laughter,
learning, stories & music*

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7**

**NEW LIFE
CHURCH**

1530 N. HIGHWAY 20
WATERTOWN, SD 57201

6:00PM SHOW

5:30PM GA DOORS OPEN

5:00PM VIP DOORS OPEN

ADVANCE TICKETS

125 Gen Admission | \$35 VIP

120 Groups of 10 or more.

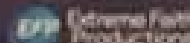
Group sales call 480-812-1100.

VIP ticket includes early entry for
preferred seating and Q+A session
with all the speakers and artists.

Purchase tickets at **480-812-1100**

or online at:

ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com



PASTOR'S LETTER



WE ARE STARTING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY ON SEPTEMBER 13!

Time of service will change to 10:00 AM on September 13.

Labor Day weekend – September 6 will be our last parking lot service – 9 AM.

There will be no communion on the first Sunday of September but will be on the 13.

BELOW ARE OUR SUNDAY MORNING POLICIES:

1. There will be NO coffee fellowship on Sundays (at least until November 1).
2. There will be NO adult Sunday School classes (at least until January 1).
3. Confirmation students (6th – 8th grades) will meet in sanctuary for Sunday School.
4. We will find larger spaces for Sunday School kids to meet.
5. Masks will be optional but strongly encouraged on Sunday mornings. If you do not have a mask we will have them available.
6. Every other pew will be roped off for worship.
7. Please practice social distancing – visiting can take place outside as weather permits.
8. There will be NO Chapel communion on second Sundays until further notice.
9. Children sermons will be done without children coming forward.
10. We will have chairs set up in the fellowship hall for worship to give more separation.
11. There will be NO congregational singing due to how bad it is for spreading of the virus, but we will have music.
12. The church will be sanitized before/after services.
13. Our custodian will sanitize before and servant teams will be responsible for after church.
14. Hand sanitizers will be located throughout the church.
15. We will not have ushers during this time.
16. Offering plates will be on a table in the fellowship hall.
17. We will still have communion on the first Sunday of every month, except September it will be on the second Sunday, September 13. We will have continuous communion with limited people involved. Those serving will wear masks and gloves. Those preparing communion will also wear masks and gloves.
18. We will have bulletins but on a table at the entrance for you to pick up.
19. You can enter or exit sanctuary through the side door behind the sound booth if you wish to avoid traffic.
20. All hymn books and Bibles are removed from the sanctuary. Services will be on the screen.
21. Water fountains will not be used.
22. We encourage one person in the bathrooms at a time.
23. Do NOT use coat racks in the entrance to avoid jams. Carry your coats with you. There will be an empty pew ahead of every person where they can put their coats.
24. We will have outside doors to the sanctuary open as long as temperatures allow.

COUNCIL MINUTES



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim DeJong, Richard Hansen, Orgene McCrea, Terry Forster, Howard Heinje, Jerry Brown, Vicki Strege, Janel Sandvig, Lance Bien and Pastor Kent.

OPENING: Pastor Kent opened the meeting with a reading from Joshua, chapter 1. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." This was a word of encouragement in these difficult times we are facing now. He encouraged us all to be faithful in our personal lives and in our service so that we might grow in faith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND SECRETARY'S REPORT: The agenda was approved to be accepted and the secretary's report was approved to be accepted by Vicki and seconded Janel.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Living Word Lutheran Church July 2020 Budget Summary:

Dedicated Account Balance \$68,803.75

Building Fund Account Balance \$23,009.57

General Fund Account Balance \$127,393.43

On 8/06/20 Janel Sandvig and Lisa Aker reconciled the general, dedicated and building checking account bank statements (dated 7/31/20).

Month-end Budget Summary: For the month of July, we received \$21,988.43 (\$510.60 more than monthly projected income). We had \$15,046.30 in expenses (\$6,431.53 less than monthly projected expenses). This created a \$6,942.13 positive impact to the monthly budget.

Year-to-Date Budget Summary: Year to date, we have received \$151,790.21 in income (\$1,445.40 more than projected income to date). We had \$136,550.37 in expenses (\$13,794.44 less than budgeted expenses to date). Therefore, we are \$15,239.84 ahead in meeting our projected annual budget need.

Richard made a motion to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Tim.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor is planning to take some vacation during Labor Day weekend. Pastor Brian from Valley Baptist will preach the sermon that Sunday. There will be no communion that Sunday.

Pastor encourages everyone to grow spiritually. We need to remember that God can't love us any more than he already does. Spiritual growth means to be closer to God and include him in every facet of life. We need to know and believe that God is in us and with us all the time unless we choose to reject him. We are to walk humbly with the Lord.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REPORT: The trees are being watered regularly and are doing well. A couple of trees will need to be replaced. The door on the east side of the garage has been replaced by Scott Leininger. We thank him for his help with this matter.

WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM REPORT: Holy communion will be held on September 13, the second Sunday of the month, due to Pastor Kent's absence on September 6. The drive-in worship services due to COVID 19 are going well and provide a safe and healthy way to worship at this time. They will continue through August. There will be no Thursday coffee fellowship this fall due to COVID 19.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION: Parents and students have already attended a confirmation orientation meeting and confirmation classes will be held Wednesday after school and again on Sunday mornings before worship services. On Wednesday the 6th grade

will have at home assignments to work on and the other grade levels will be at the church. This is for the purpose of promoting more effective education with a smaller number of students in each learning setting. The classes on Sunday will be led by Brian and Janel Sandvig in the sanctuary. Rally Sunday will be September 13. Due to COVID 19 restrictions on gathering, it will be observed in a new manner this year. Youth activities will begin in some fashion shortly after school has begun. Confirmation Sunday will be the last Sunday in October which is Reformation Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS: The Barlund fund has money that needs to be distributed, therefore the family will be asked how they would like the money to be used.

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Now that the school year is beginning and there are more church activities, Lisa will be back to a 5 day a week schedule this September.

Wednesday night worship services will be discontinued as of August 19.

There will be no wedding services held in the month of September.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on September 8 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Janel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Tim. The meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 Worship/parking lot	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Church council	9 10:00 Searchers Bible Study 3:45 - 5:00 Confirmation 5:00 Circle Leaders meeting	10 5:15 LWLW Executive Board Meet	11	12
13 Rally Day 9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Worship/Communion/ noisy change	14 7:00 am Dawn Circle 9:00 am Faith Circle 9:00 am Mary/Martha Circle 7:00 pm LoveCircle	15	16 10:00 Searchers Bible Study 3:45 - 5:00 Confirmation	17	18	19
20 9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	21	22 9:00 Quilting	23 10:00 Searchers Bible Study 3:45 - 5:00 Confirmation	24	25 Newsletter items due	26
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6	7 Lisa Aker (b.) Carter Busack (b.) Roger Christensen (b.)	8 Linda Anderson (b.) Mary & Deb Buttkie (w.) Addison Heinje (b.) Bergen Nolting (b.) Brock Sime (b.)	9 Janice Fenner (b.)	10 Bruce & Linda Larson (w.)	11 Jackie Olson (b.) Timothy Ramsey (b.) Grant Van Peurse (b.)	12 Isabella Anderson (b.)
13	14 Trevor Nolting (b.)	15	16 Carol Forster (b.) Jamie & Hope Pekelder (w.) Heidi Pelzel (b.)	17 Harold & Beverly Zeigler (w.)	18 Roger & Tammy Christensen (w.)	19 Richard Hansen (b.)
20 Susan Vostad (b.)	21 Gary & Marsha Meister (w.)	22	23	24 Richard & Sandra Hansen (w.)	25 Ron & Linda Anderson (w.) Lacey Busack (b.) Jack Sandvig (b.)	26 Hailey Heinje (b.) Gordon Johnson (b.)
27	28 Karen Hallquist (b.)	29	30 Renae Dornbusch (b.) Melanie Schwandt (b.)			

FROM THE DIRECTOR: Two Implications for GLOBAL MISSIONS from the Pandemic

1) The "new normal" that emerges in our lives and our congregations Post Covid 19 must still include obeying God's Call to take the Gospel to the Nations! We've just seen life as we have known it upended across the globe in a matter of weeks. What a vivid reminder that we mustn't 'fall asleep in the light' and forget that God is unfolding His eternal plan and purpose – and we are called to proclaim the Good News of the death and resurrection of Christ to every tongue, tribe and nation!

2) Let's Pray for and Seek a Renewed Theology of Suffering, Risk & Sacrifice in answering the missions call. God is still calling people to "GO!" Many missionaries in past generations knew that answering often meant you never returned. For example, 95% to Africa in the 19th century died on the field. The call to "take up our cross daily and

follow" Jesus is always a call to die: to our own plans and purposes as we seek to have our own way. Nate Saint, martyred along with Jim Elliot and three other missionaries in Ecuador in Jan. 1956 once wrote, "People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives ... and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted."

For more information about mobilizing your church to reach the nations, and/or to partner with ALWM International, please write me at missionshelp@alwm.org or visit www.alwm.org.

In Christ for the nations, *Pastor Bill Moberly, Director*

MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

We are excited to announce our new **MATCHING GIFT Campaign!** A generous donor has offered to match up to \$5,000 in donations to ALWM General Fund! Your gift of any size to this ministry **WILL BE DOUBLED!** Monthly giving is down the past few months, and summers are difficult, so this is a great answer to prayer:

Mail your special gift to ALWM, PO Box 67432, Albuquerque, NM 87114 and put **"MATCHING"** in the memo line. You can also contribute at <https://www.alwm.org/support>.

Cambodia News



Pastor Sam Chim and his team are just completing the new water filtration system that will serve the island Christian school north of Kampong Chhnang! Covid 19 limitations are still in place but will hopefully lift soon. Another filtration system which will serve the Battambang church and become a cottage industry for the pastor and his family there has just been commissioned after a generous gift from a partner church.

In 2021 we will hold our leadership training event and next youth conference there! Join in partnering with Pastor Sam and the work in Cambodia. Contact us for more information.

Vital Links / Vietnam News

Surgery for Gia Hung! Please pray for Gia Hung, grade 7 (pictured right).

A happy young man, his hands have been deformed since his birth mother physically abused him when he was a baby, breaking his hands. Soon thereafter, he moved into one of our Gospel Kids homes. Carol Miles, our founder, located a surgeon at Children's Hospital in WI who will do the surgery for free! We still project expenses of about \$3500-4000 which include flights for Gia and a guardian. **Please pray for grace, healing and provision. To donate toward these expenses, designate your gift by check or our website to "Surgery".**



We partner with rural Vietnamese churches in medical/evangelism outreaches led by Dr Hang and her team. We just completed a water filtration system for one of them, funded by Living Word (Milbank, SD). The men's group from another Vietnamese church, led by Mr Hai (second from left - Dr Hang's husband below) installed the system. Three churches from two countries brought together by our love for Jesus and common desire to reach the lost! That's the ministry of ALWM International!



ANSWERING THE CALL

REAL STORIES FROM CHURCHES THAT ARE PURPOSEFUL & FRUITFUL IN GLOBAL MISSIONS

[NOTE: In Jan., 2018, King of Glory Lutheran (Tempe, AZ) hosted the Harvest Connection Seminar led by Pastor Bill Moberly, Mark Keller and his daughter, Lauren, attended. In response, they decided to serve on a short term mission team, and did so again in 2019. Since the 2018 ALWM team was full, Pastor Bill connected them with GSLC Irvine. This is their story.]



Lauren (17) This was my second mission trip to Ecuador with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Last year I was fortunate enough to go with my dad, and this year I decided to share my love of missions with my mom. It was an amazing experience to have with both parents, and I really felt like it brought us closer together. This year was truly a humbling and amazing experience. To be able to stay with the community taught me valuable lessons of friendship and love from my

team and the Ecuadorians. What I really loved was when everybody came together to serve God. We distributed water filters, making sure each family had the proper instructions for clean water. I also was super impressed when the community came together to help build the playground. On dedication day my heart burst with joy when all the kids stormed the playground. I truly loved this mission trip with my entire heart and I can't wait to go next year.

Mark This was my first mission trip with ALWM and first time to Vietnam and Cambodia. We were greeted by our Cambodian host Pastor Sam Chim of ALWM. After a needed night's rest, we began! Little did we know that we would use many different methods of transportation, including tuk-tuks, bus, and a small motorized boat! Pastor Sam's guidance and hospitality really helped with the cultural and language barriers. We were welcomed in all the churches, and amazed by the friendliness of all the new people we met along the way. In the eyeglass outreach, it was a real joy to witness happiness in the folks who received new reading glasses. The non-verbal expressions were priceless in the process of fitting them. It was a whole new world for all! Pastor Sam and Pastor Bill's long-term relationship and commitment was evident in on-going water filtration projects, providing members of the church and locals provided a healthy, viable water source and sustaining income source.



ing with health clinics, eyeglasses, outreach, and conversational English sessions with several college students were so inspiring and indeed highlights of this part of the mission trip.

Then, on to Vietnam! The visits to the churches and health outreach clinics were a real testament to see God's power and goodness. Working side-by-side with Dr Hang and the ALWM/Vital Links team, who warmly welcomed us, was truly an amazing experience. Once again, the spiritual and physical power of all of us coming together to do God's work in help-

The ALWM Mission trip in June 2019 was a very memorable experience for me. My appreciation for ALWM in their work in Vietnam & Cambodia was wholeheartedly confirmed. As I reflect on my own thoughts on this mission trip, I would highly recommend this ALWM mission trip to anyone who desires to make a difference to serve and experience a spiritual life changing event.



More Volunteers Needed for our **E-Learning Friendship English Conversation Ministry (EFEC)**! Check out the video and information at www.alwm.org/efec and sign up today! We train... and you receive the joy and blessing of serving!