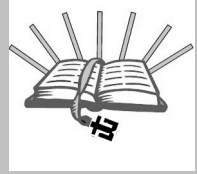


# LIVING WORDS



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*“<sup>21</sup> But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.”* **Romans 3: 21-28**

What do October 31, 2017 and October, 2013 have in common? They are big anniversaries!

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, the day Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg sparking a movement to reform the church and breathe life into the faith of believers. October 2013, marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our own sort of reformation, or rather should I say our formation of Living Word Lutheran Church.

Now planning has been well under way for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, but this next year we at Living Word will be having some big changes of our own. The plans now are to break ground in February, 2012 and then begin our ministry in our new building September, 2012. This means that God willing, we will be in our new space in time to celebrate Living Word's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

What a wonderful time this is in the life and ministry of this congregation! 2012 will be the celebration of moving into our new building and 2013 will mark our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What a wonderful time it is to reflect on Living Word past, present, and future! This next year we will be forming a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary task force to commemorate the founding year of this congregation.

In an article by Julie Rowe, from [LivingLutheran.com](http://LivingLutheran.com), she writes about the 500<sup>th</sup> celebration of the reformation when she says, “The emphasis is not only on our Reformation heritage but the direction of our future mission. How can a deeper appreciation for the roots of our faith help us better serve our neighbors and build our capacity for mission in an increasingly secular and complicated world?”

What a fantastic question from Mrs. Rowe about the Reformation, but I also believe it is a relevant question for us at Living Word. How can our appreciation of who we are in Christ Jesus as Lutherans at Living Word, help us better serve our neighbors in Arlington and build our capacity for mission in this world?

As we move into these next phases of our life at Living Word in 2012 and 2013, let us ponder this question in our minds and hearts as we continue to plan for the future while embracing our past and present.

Mrs. Rowe ends her article with a statement, which I believe we also share. "It's a good time to be a Lutheran and to strengthen our identity as an ever-renewing church!" It is a good time to be a part of what God is doing through us at Living Word! May God continue to bless us as the Church continues to change and reform throughout the ages.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jason and Pastor Andrea

**"Celebrate the Joyful WORSHIP of Christ regularly"**...and bring others with you to share 'the joy'  
—expanded from the "Principals We Live by Mission Purpose of LWLC.

In the September newsletter I wrote the following:

"Planning is under way for another glorious Christmas Season at Living Word. In October singers will be invited to gather around food and fellowship and discussion of Christmas Choir planning – the rehearsals – the services – the music. **All singers, watch for more information in the coming weeks!"**

Here is the beginning of the **"more information"** part. On Saturday, October 15, 5:30 PM all folks who want to sing and can sing in a Christmas Eve Choir are invited to bring a food item to share. We will fellowship over a shared meal together and then have discussion of Christmas Eve Choir, the music, and the rehearsals. With the input from the gathered people we will put together another glorious Christmas Eve at Living Word. It is only from you that we can have the wonderful sound of Christmas Choral Music at Living Word.

Do you have the time and talent to give for a Christmas Eve filled with Christmas Music led by a Living Word Christmas Choir? We live in an age of "Marthas." (Luke 10:38-42) We are busy and preoccupied with endless activities and tasks. Many of these are quite necessary, worthwhile, and even righteous. Nevertheless, this hectic pace wears us out to such an extent that we are too tired to hear, see, or give anymore of ourselves and we sometimes even neglect to make choices of our time. Spiritually speaking, God wants "Marys." As found in the story in Luke's Gospel, these are the people who worship at the Lord's feet. They seek Him and they adore Him. They devote quality time to worshipping Him even if there is cost involved.

I recently read a story about a teenager who wandered into a Christmas Eve service, late. He did not know why he was there. His life was totally immersed in a flurry of goals, activities, and ambitions. But there he was, in Church on Christmas Eve. It was dark, people were standing holding candles and a soft, radiant, beautiful glow filled the room. He noticed a peaceful joy on the faces of many. He felt as though he was viewing something holy, something totally set apart from the world of his experience and yet, he stood aside as an onlooker, and observer. His ears picked up the soft heavenly sound of voices singing...voices filling the air, everywhere.

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.* He felt like he was in a dream where after years of searching, he had wandered into a beautiful, peaceful setting and somehow knew that he was home at last.

What can you give to our Lord at Living Word Church this Christmas Eve? Your time? Your talent?

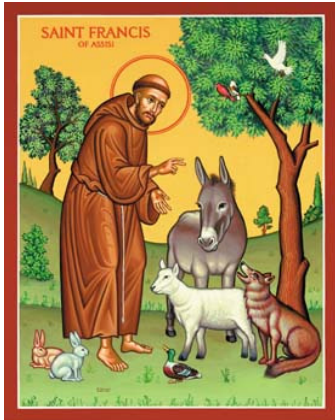
**Come to the Christmas Choir Planning Supper**

**October 15, 2011**

**5:30 PM**

**Bring a food item to share.**

Organist  
Wendell B Baechler



*In Genesis, God gave man dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl in the air, over the cattle and "every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."*

Once a year we celebrate the blessings that God has given to us through our animal companions and through the whole of creation.

*Living Word Lutheran Church* invites you all:  
your family and your pets –  
all kinds of birds, all kinds of beasts,  
and all kinds of creeping and crawling things –  
for a Blessing of the Animals.

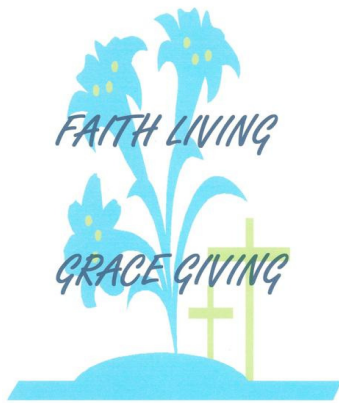
This blessing will take place on  
Saturday, October 8, 2011  
at 3:00pm at the church.

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**Saturday, October 29/ 5-7pm at the church**

**Trunk 'R Treat**

**Decorate your car's trunk, dress in costume if you wish, bring some candy and enjoy the children of all ages as they scout out their treats!**



## **Faith Living...Grace Giving**

You are invited to join us on Saturday, October 29, at 8:00am, at St. Luke, for a time of focus on our stewardship of all that God gives us. It is a Bible-based look at the place of faith in our lives and how it is lived out in our lives. This seminar is particularly helpful for anyone in leadership positions of any kind, however everyone in the congregation is invited. I hope that you will join us. We will be done around noon. Please let Pam know if you are planning to attend.

Pastor Jim Shears

## October Birthdays

4-Norm Moody	24-Arianna Doyle
10-Sam Chapman	25-Ron Abbott
16-Nelleen Hall	26-Carly Thornton
20-Megan Baker	29-Stacey Matheny



## October Anniversaries

7 – Lisa and Brian Starnes  
10 – Megan and Chris Baker  
28 – Linda and Gary Proseus  
28 – Cheryl and Roger Schwartz

## October Baptisms

Lee Buchschacher	7-Gene Abbott
3-Erek Majkrzak	19-Jonathan Fowler
4-Kerri Fowler	22-Kim Cornett
6-Ted Frazier	24-Kate Peterson



## Our Prayer Concerns:

## Members:

Mary Buchschacher; Dorothy Chitwood; Calvin and Ann Daniels; Andrè Doyle; Dave Hudspeth; Elna Larson; Sandy Long; Martha Menser; Jennie Neiswinger; Sandy Stephens



## FAMILY & FRIENDS

MaryAnn Sansevere; Kyle; Alex and Conner Buchschacher; Nancy Bannister; Morgan Van Dyke; Troy Van Dyke, Jr.; Brenda Bratton; Paula Hart; Mike Witek; Mary Ann Santucci; Christian Heard; Kathy Lawhon; The Parks Family

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

*Chris Baker*, Marines, deployed to Afghanistan; *SSG Alex Buchschacher*; *SGT Susan Buchschacher*, Army; *Daryll Christopherson*, Air Force, Washington, DC, nephew of the Hudspeths; *Andrew Frazier*, Beale Air Base, CA; *Adam Long*, Army Reserves; *James Menser*, Navy attached to the Army, deployed to Afghanistan; *Victoria Spitler*, Army Basic Training, niece of the Spitlers; *Bruce D. Woods*, stationed in California

## Contact Numbers

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Pastor Jason Peterson		
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Treasurer	Marian Gray
Council Members	Ron Abbott Michelle Spitler

Prayer Chain	Ann Daniels
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Education Bd	Pastors
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Finance Bd	Marian Gray
Outreach Bd	Roger Schwartz
Property Bd	Travis Fowler
Worship Bd	Pastors
Youth Leaders	Pastors

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Finance:	Marian Gray
Outreach:	Michelle Spitler
Property:	Travis Fowler
Worship:	Pastors
Youth:	Ron Abbott

**Roster List for:  
October, 2011**

**Sunday, October 2**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ushers: Carolyn & Norm Moody  
Assisting Minister: Paula Abbott  
Children's Sermon: Joyce Cornett  
Lector: Susan Fowler  
Psalm Cantor: Sandy Stephens  
Acolyte: Alex Fowler  
Crucifer: Thomas Moody  
Tellers: Ford Cornett &  
Carolyn Moody  
Refreshments: Roger Schwartz

**Sunday, October 9**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ushers: Lee Buchschacher &  
Calvin Daniels  
Assisting Minister: Marian Gray  
Children's Sermon: Jennie Neiswinger  
Lector: Ann Daniels  
Psalm Cantor: Mary Buchschacher  
Acolyte: Jonathan Fowler  
Crucifer: Sam Moody  
Tellers: Martha Menser &  
Gary Proseus  
Refreshments: Pat Redman

**Sunday, October 16**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ushers: Mark Redman &  
Roger Schwartz  
Assisting Minister: Carolyn Moody  
Children's Sermon: Pastor  
Lector: Jim Bampfield  
Psalm Cantor: Sam Moody  
Acolyte: Thomas Moody  
Crucifer: Hunter Spitler  
Tellers: Gene Abbott &  
Bruce Woods  
Refreshments: Michelle Spitler

**Sunday, October 23**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ushers: Paula & Gene Abbott  
Assisting Minister: Roger Schwartz  
Children's Sermon: Pastor  
Lector: Sandy Stephens  
Psalm Cantor: Paula Abbott  
Acolyte: Sam Moody  
Crucifer: Jonathan Fowler  
Tellers: Susan Fowler &  
Bruce Woods  
Refreshments: Bev Wagner

**Sunday, October 30**

**Reformation Sunday**

Ushers: Jim Bampfield &  
Susan Fowler  
Assisting Minister: Gary Proseus  
Children's Sermon: Lee Buchschacher  
Lector: Larry Spitler  
Psalm Cantor: Bev Wagner  
Acolyte: Hunter Spitler  
Crucifer: Arianna Doyle  
Tellers: Paula Abbott &  
Linda Proseus  
Refreshments: Paula Abbott

*Please advise the church office  
by phone (377-1010) or  
by email ([livingwordlc@bellsouth.net](mailto:livingwordlc@bellsouth.net))  
if you know in advance you will be  
unable to serve on a particular Sunday.  
Thank You!*



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Mission and Purpose  
Living the Word...Spreading the Word.**

**Worshiping**

Celebrate the joyful worship of Christ Regularly

**Praying**

Pray daily for one another and for the community

**Sharing**

Be a light in the community by sharing our bounty

**Proclaiming**

Proclaim Living Word of Jesus Christ in Word and Deed

**Studying**

Grow in Faith and Knowledge in Study of the Bible

**Welcoming**

Welcome with love and acceptance ALL people

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