

# Living Word Lutheran Church

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018



**“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him,  
“I will; be clean.”** *Mark 1:41*

**PASTOR:** The Rev. Eric Hullstrom

**Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center**

(Children’s Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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**Mission Statement:** “We, God’s people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ.”

**Motto:** “Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone.”

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS/**

This week's activities:

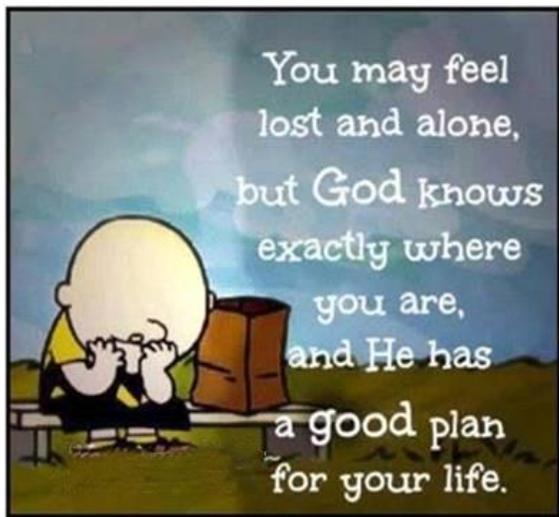
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:15 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>Children's Sunday School</b>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>President's Day-Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Lenten Soup Supper</b> at Sunrise Baptist Church, Small Fellowship Hall Host: Worship & Music/Choir <b>Lenten Service</b> at Sunrise Baptist Church Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>LWLC Prayer for Guidance</b> at the LWLC Office <b>Living Way Bible Study</b> at the Krumwiede's Home <b>Adult Bible Study</b> at the LWLC Office
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:30 am</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Midweek Bible Study</b> at the LWLC Office <b>Choir Practice</b> at the LWLC Office
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Men's Ministry Breakfast</b> at Denny's Restaurant, Speaker: Gordon Garner, speaker from Sunset Lake Resort (Retreat)

**Today's Worship Assistants**

**Set up/Tear Down (Team 1)**- Bill Zavadil, Andy Anderson, Skip Whelan, Dennis Krumwiede, Rick Fields, Larry Vollmer, Alex Burdick, Gary Heintz, Wayne Flood; **Ushers** – Bob Martin, Lydia Auge; **Acolyte**-Olivia Vashchenko; **Lector**-Ron Johnson; **Communion Setup/Takedown**-Lorraine Stargel, Ardis Kilber; **Communion Assistants**-Bill & Debbi Zavadil, Carole Williams-Wood; **Communion Bread**-Lonna Groce; **Sound System**-Bill Zavadil; **Tellers**- Gary Gjerstad, Judy Krumwiede; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Barbara Gjerstad, Yvonne Olson; **Coffee Hour**-Ruth Anderson, Carole Williams-Wood; **Parking Lot**-Dave Ostendorf; **Cantor**: Pastor Jepsen


**Quote of the Day:** "Don't be impatient. Wait for the Lord, and he will come and save you! Be brave, stouthearted, and courageous. Yes, wait and he will help you." *Psalm 27, verse 14*

**Next week's Scriptures:**  
**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**      **Psalm 22:23-31**  
**Romans 4:13-25**              **Mark 8:31-38**



**HELP WANTED: Sunday School Teachers**  
 This past fall, Mary Kaye Owen, Heidi Sturdivant, and Randi Kilpack have team taught our upper grade (2-6) grade students. With their busy work and home lives, this approach affords continued involvement, teaching those Sundays that coincide with their individual schedules. This December Randi accepted a job in California for 2018. We already miss her! In her absence, we are praying God will raise up an individual or individuals whose love for children will draw them to be a part of this teaching ministry. There are two age groups to consider. (4 yr.- 1st grade) and (2nd-6th).  
  
 If you feel God prompting you, please call or contact Pastor Eric, Lori Schmidt or Mary Loshbough.

**Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.**

**Living Word Lutheran Church**  
Order for Worship

**When you hear the bell, please be seated for the announcements.**

**Announcements**

Please sign the attendance register and pass it down the row.

***Our worship begins with the prelude as we enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Let us give thanks to him and bless his holy name!***

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn**

**“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

**LBW #522**

***We Worship with Confession***

Pastor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live – in the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for personal reflection and self-examination.*

P (facing altar which symbolizes God’s presence): *Most Merciful God...*

**C: have mercy on us. We confess to You that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

P: (facing the congregation declares God’s grace): With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

We are sent to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). We begin by sharing the peace of the LORD with one another.

***We Worship with the Setting from "Now the Feast and Celebration"***

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P: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

***Kyrie***

Cantor: In peace, in peace, Let us pray to the...  
**C:** ***LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.***

Cantor : For Your people here, who have come to give You praise, for the strength to live Your Word, let us pray to the. . .

**C:** ***LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.***

Cantor : For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the. . .

Cantor : Help, save and defend us, O God.

**C:** ***LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.***

**C:** ***Amen.***

## Now the Feast

Refrain:

**Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom:  
praise and glory forevermore!**

1. **Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God. (Refrain)**

2. **Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ, forever. (Refrain)**

3. **For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. (Refrain)**

P: *The LORD be with you.*

**C:** *And also with you.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (we pray together):

**O God, you delight not in pomp and show, but in a humble and contrite heart. Overturn our love of worldly possessions and social standing, and fix our hearts more firmly on you, that, having nothing, we may still possess everything. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

***We Worship by Reading God's Word***

**This reading is from the Book of Genesis, Chapter 9 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,  
<sup>9</sup> "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup> And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the

covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

(Here ends this reading.)

**This reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 25 (ESV)**

(to be read responsively)

Rader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;

**Congregation: let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

R: <sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

**C: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

R: <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

**C: teach me your paths.**

R: <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,

**C: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

R: <sup>6</sup> Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

**C: for they have been from of old.**

R: <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**C: according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

R: <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;

**C: therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.**

R: <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,

**C: and teaches the humble his way.**

R: <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**C: for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**This reading is from the First Letter of Peter, the 3rd chapter (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which

corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

(Here ends this reading.)

The congregation stands and sings:

***Alleluia, Alleluia. LORD to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!***

**The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. (ESV) C: Glory to You, O LORD**

<sup>40</sup> And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." <sup>41</sup> Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." <sup>42</sup> And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup> And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup> and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." <sup>45</sup> But he went out

and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

(The Gospel of Our LORD)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Nicene Creed**

**WE BELIEVE** in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**WE BELIEVE** in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

**WE BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

***We Worship in Thanksgiving by Offering Our Gifts***

***Offertory***

*The offering is received.*

The congregation stands as the ushers bring the offering forward.

***As the Grains Of Wheat***

Refrain:

***As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread; so  
may all Your people from all the ends of earth be  
gathered into one in You.***

1. ***As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of Your love. (Refrain)***
2. ***Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when  
all creation shares this feast with You. (Refrain)***

*We pray together the offering prayer:* P: Merciful God, **C:** everything in heaven and earth  
belongs to You. We joyfully release what You have entrusted to us. May these gifts  
be signs of our whole lives returned to You, dedicated to the healing and unity  
of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Prayers of the Church** (Each petition ends with "LORD, in Your mercy"; the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer".)

***We Worship by Receiving Our LORD in His Holy Meal***

***The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken):***

P: *The LORD be with you.*

P: *Lift up your hearts*

P: *Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.*

**C:** *And also with you.*

**C:** *We lift them to the LORD.*

**C:** *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

P: It is our duty and delight... *(Here the minister continues with the preface:)*

***Holy, holy, holy are You, God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in Your name.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!***

***The Words of Institution & The LORD'S Prayer***

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**(Please be seated)**

**Holy Communion:** Lutherans believe the LORD's Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – He promises: "This is my body... This is my blood". Therefore the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, "Anyone who does not believe these words ('this is My body given for you... this is My blood shed for you.'). is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, 'FOR YOU' requires simply a believing heart." Therefore, all (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and then make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of Christ's claim upon you through your baptism.  
(For those with gluten allergies, we now have gluten-free wafers available for Communion on the Baptismal Font.)

### **Lamb of God**

1. **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**
2. **Lamb of God, You break the chains of hatred and fear: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**
3. **Lamb of God, You are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**
4. **Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**
5. **Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### **Communion Hymns:**

<b>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</b>	<b>LBW #212</b>
<b>"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"</b>	<b>LBW #309</b>
<b>"Just as I Am"</b>	<b>LBW #296</b>

P: May the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ and the gifts of His body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### **Post Communion Canticle**

**Praise to You, O God of mercy,  
Thanks be to You forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
Thanks be to You forever!**

**Strong is Your faithfulness,  
Strong is Your love, rememb'ring  
Your covenant of life with us.**

**From of old You loved and sought us,  
Thanks be to You forever!  
Truth and justice You have taught us:  
Thanks be to You forever!**

**Praise to You, O God of mercy,  
Thanks be to You forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
Thanks be to You forever,  
Thanks be to You forever!**

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

**C: Amen.**

### **The Benediction (Pastor)**

The congregation sings the **3-fold "Amen"**

### ***On Our Way Rejoicing!***

**Closing Hymn**

**"Jesus Shall Reign"**

**LBW #530**

### ***We Worship By How We Live During the Week***

P: Go in peace; serve the LORD! **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen      Choir Director: Dan Owen

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### ***Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!***

*If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Book. We encourage you to pick up a 'Welcome' packet at the Visitor's Table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.*

**Next Week's (February 25th) Worship Assistants**

**Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)**- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson,  
**Ushers**- Al Auge, Lydia Auger; **Acolyte**-Viviana Vashchenko; **Lector**-Jim Gronhovd; **Communion Setup/Takedown**-Barbara  
 Gjerstad, Sharlene Parker; **Communion Assistants**- Gary & Barbara Gjerstad, Sharlene Parker; **Sound System**-Joe Burdick;  
**Tellers** -Linda Kupka, Al Auge; **Coffee Hour**-Sharon Johnson, Sharlene Parker; **Altar Setup/Take Down**- Lorraine Stargel,  
**Parking Lot**- Al Auge; **Children's Time**-Lori Schmidt

**Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe:** Josh Jepsen, Chase, Seth Heard, Powell, Evan Gregory Blodgett, Ken Solbrack, Michael Elliott, Chris Berentson, Cole Lufkin (Gjerstad's grandson), Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson), Devlin Durkin, Damien Benigno (Lydia Auge's brother); Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Brandon Bules (Carole Williams cousin), Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), pray for safety and draw close to God. *Our prayers for all those in harm's way are urgently needed during this time of turmoil and strife in this country.*

**Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one:** Prayers for the family and friends of **Tyler Filinski** as they grieve his death. Prayers for the grieving family of close friend **Rosemarie Barber** (Rosie Heintz) as she recently passed away unexpectedly. May God's peace and love be felt on the family of **Bruce Jones** (friend of Sharlene Parker's son, Rick) who was killed in a road rage incident. Pray for comfort for the **Schwabauer** family at the passing of **Sandy** (Virginia Steves' college roommate) due to flu and pneumonia.

**Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness.** *Dixie* (Sharlene Parker's sister). *Judy Ostendorf*. **Jeff** (Don & Carol Brennan's son), Continued prayers for friend, *Dana Yeaman* (Debbi Zavadil), **Don Minnick** (Harold & Clarice Liemohn) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. **Pastor Dave Steffenson** (Dave Ostendorf) diagnosed with prostate cancer. **Alice** (Ardenne Bartness' sister), comfort and peace in her last months of life. **Hank Anderson** (friend of Kaye Sims) who is terminally ill with cancer. **Chrissy** (Gary & Rosie Heintz's daughter-in-law) who had cancer returned. **Bob Lungberg** (Bob & Nancy Martin) recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. **Aunt Glenda** (Lorraine Stargel) diagnosed with pancreatic concern. Prayers for her comfort from her pains and discernment of the medical staff with upcoming treatments. **Cousin Sandy** (Lorraine Stargel) for decisions on treatment for reoccurrence of cancer. **Virginia Held** who has been experiencing debilitating pancreatitis, pray for doctor's discernment and healing and recovery. Prayers for daughter **Elaina** (Ron & Gaye Anderson) during her chemo treatment, pray for strong resistance to the flu. Prayers for **Snookie Pankrantz** recently diagnosed with cancer. Prayers for **Taressa** (Dennis & Judy Krumwiede's daughter-in-law), diagnosed with cancer, pray for the best treatment and care for her and peace for the family. Prayers for peace and comfort for **daughter-in-law Crissy and son Casey** (Gary & Rosie Heintz).

**Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery.** Pray for permanent healing for **Phil Steves'** knee that continues to be painful because of the accident in February. Nephew **Jeff Bertram** (Carole Williams-Wood), prayers for doctor's discernment in controlling his heart arrhythmia. Peace and comfort for **Carolyn Martin** and that the blood clots will dissolve. **Dana Yeaman** (Debbi Zavadil) pray for continued healing on her foot. **Jon Paul Webber** (Heidi Sturdivant) recovering from cancer surgery. **Lee Brown** as he prepares to meet his Maker. Prayers for quick recovery and healing for **Mike O'Brien** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) recovering from by-pass surgery. **Michelle** (Judy Ostendorf's niece) recovering from back surgery, pray for quick healing and recovering. **Dr. Rodney Swenson** (Dwight & Barbara Griswold) pray for complete and timely recovery after brain surgery, peace, strength & comfort for Rodney and his family. Prayers for sister **Londa** (Carolyn Martin) admitted to the hospital for undiagnosed medical problems. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and correct diagnosis and treatment. Prayers for quick healing and recovery for grandmom **Dina Vashchenko** (Hannah & Viviana Vashchenko) after surgery. Daughter **Lynette** (Carole Williams-Wood) for doctor's discernment in treating her immune deficiency disease. Prayers for brother-in-law **Tom Horne** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) for a successful bypass surgery and recovery. Pray for sister **Berny** (Yvonne Olson) in the hospital in AZ with congestive heart failure and pneumonia. **Ben** (Sarah DeBord's cousin) had a concussion at a wrestling match, pray for healing.

**Prayers for faith, strength and guidance.** God's continued guidance and blessings in our search for a new church home. God's guidance and peace between nations of the earth especially between the U.S. and North Korea. God's love to overcome hate and fear in hearts around the world.

**A Prayer for Inner Strength**

**Dear God,**

**Please give the strength to endure this situation and to find the blessings and lessons that it contains.**

**Please give me the endurance to continue ahead. Please guide my thoughts, words and actions, so that I walk your path of peace and love. Amen**

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH?



**Children's Sunday School, 10:30 am** Our Sunday School children are studying God's Holy Word using the curriculum "**Begin with Jesus and Branch Out**".

This fall there are many Bible study offerings that allow us to meet with others as we grow in the Word. We would encourage you to prayerfully consider which one or ones God has prepared for you.

**Children's Sunday School** starts Sep – May and breaks during the summer

**Sunday Adult Bible Study, 10:30 am** led by Pastor Eric Hullstrom The book will be provided by Pastor Hullstrom.

**1st half of the year (Sept - Dec) ~ Discipleship.** We will be using the Gospel of Matthew as our primary source along with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "Cost of Discipleship"

**2nd half of the year (Jan - May) ~ Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians.** Our primary source is, well, the Bible, as we explore these pastoral letters to these churches.

**Sunday Adult Bible Study** starts Sep – June and breaks during the summer

**Continuing Mid-Week Bible Study, Thursdays, 10:30 am** led by Pastor Eric Hullstrom

The study is on the upcoming readings for Sundays.

**Wednesday Morning Living Way Bible Study meets from 9:30-11:00 am** at the home of Dennis and Judy Krumwiede, beginning in October and breaks for the summer. We will be studying Paul's Epistle to the Romans which Martin Luther called a "brilliant light" and "the soul's daily bread" which "can never be read too often or studied too much." This letter was the source for Luther's re-discovery of the Gospel which powered the Reformation, significant this year as its 500th Anniversary.

**Evening Living Way Bible study, Wednesday evening, 6:45-8:00 pm**, at the church office. **The Book of Acts records the history of the early church and the spread of the gospel.**

### **Themes in Acts**

- \* Examples of conversion (how to be forgiven of sin)
- \* Evidence Jesus is God's Son and the Bible is God's word
- \* Basic truths about the church (its origin, organization, worship, etc.)
- \* Information about the work of the Holy Spirit through the apostles

**Busy Women's Bible Fellowship**, the 2nd Friday of every month at 6:30-8:00 pm at Sharlene Parker's home.

In this twelve-session small group Bible study, *Twelve Women of the Bible*, Lysa TerKuerst, Elisa Morgan, Jeanne Stevens and other leaders look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve biblical women and what they mean for your life today.

Sessions include: Eve: Finding Lasting Contentment in the Truth, Rebekah: Breaking Free of Feminine Stereotypes, Leah: Overcoming Rejection and Insecurity, Hannah: Surrendering in Waiting, Abigail: Dealing with Confrontation in Relationships, Gomer: Learning to Accept Unconditional Love, Mary, Mother of Jesus: Moving from Comfort to Courage, Mary Magdalene: Transforming from Outcast to Follower, Mary of Bethany: Putting Our Faith into Action, Martha: Finding Our Identity in Jesus, The Woman at the Well: Turning Our Messes into Messages, The Syrophenician Woman: Approaching God with Persistency and Boldness.

DVD, discussion. Books/study guide available. Light dinner, Bible study and fellowship. .

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST.** Meet the first Saturday of every month, 9-10:30 am at the Sunrise Baptist Church, small fellowship hall. Breakfasts also include special speakers on personal safety, crafts, animal rescue and many topics of interests. In addition, special fund raising projects and events are included in their activities along with great fellowship. Saturday breakfasts start Oct – May and break during the summer.

**MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST.** Meet the fourth Saturday of every month, 8-9:30 am.. Breakfasts include topics of community projects, assisting fellow church members requiring home and lawn care, transportation. In addition, special fund raising projects and events are included in their activities along with great fellowship.

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## The Other Woman

After 21 years of marriage, I discovered a new way of keeping alive the spark of love. A little while ago, I went out with another woman. It was really my wife's idea. "I know you'll love her," she said one day, taking me by surprise. "But I love YOU too," I protested. "I know, but you also love her."

The other woman who my wife wanted me to visit was my mother who had been a widow for 19 years, but the demands of my work and my three children had made it possible to visit her only occasionally. That night I called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie. "What's wrong, are you well," she asked? My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late-night call or a surprise invitation is a sign of bad news. "I thought that it would be pleasant to pass some time with you." I responded, "Just the two of us." She thought about it for a moment and then said, "I would like that very much."

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up, I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our date. She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel's. "I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed," she said, as she got into the car. "They can't wait to hear about our meeting."

We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady. After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Halfway through the entree, I lifted my eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips. "It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small," she said. "Then it's time that you relax and let me return the favor," I responded.

During the dinner, we had an agreeable conversation, nothing extraordinary but catching up on recent events of each other's life. We talked so much that we missed the movie. As we arrived at her house later, she said, "I'll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you." I agreed. "How was your dinner date?" asked my wife when I got home. "Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined," I answered.

A few days later, my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to do anything for her. Sometime later, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place mother and I had dined. An attached note said: "I paid this bill in advance. I was almost sure that I couldn't be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates; one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me. I love you."

At that moment I understood the importance of saying, in time: "I LOVE YOU" and to give our loved ones the time that they deserve. Nothing in life is more important than God and your family. Give them the time they deserve because these things cannot be put off until "some other time."

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