



Voices of the Valley

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“That You May Know, Live, and Share the Love of Christ.”

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Gospel of Mark Bible Study

Are you interested in learning more about the Gospel of Mark? Pastor Ken will lead a Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark on Wednesday mornings during our Men’s Ministry at 7:00 am on July 11th and 18th. Everyone is invited to participate.



Outdoor Worship Service

On Sunday, July 8th, we will hold our Worship Service outdoors (weather permitting). Bring a lawn chair and invite a friend, neighbor or family member to join us as we gather to worship God in the great outdoors. We need some help setting up our canopies. If you can help please arrive at 8:00 am.

Saturday Evening Worship

These informal Communion Settings begin at 5:30 pm. If you would like to help with our Saturday Evening Worship, please call the Church Office 887-9252.

ALL ARE WELCOME

As a community of the people of God, the people of Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ *“there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female.”* - Galatians 3:28

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The church council meets the second Monday of each month. All church council meetings throughout the year are open to anyone. If you have something that you would like to present in front of the church council, or an item of concern please contact one of the church council members listed above.

The next Church Council Meeting is on Sunday, July 9th at 6:30 pm.



CONNECTIONS

Our brother-in-law is now on Snapchat. Grandkids told him he should be, and got him started. I'm on Facebook, where I read and sometimes respond to posts. Face it, I am so old that when I make a phone call I actually expect to talk to someone. I find myself talking while the recorded message is telling me you are not at home. And you may be old enough (don't have to be very old) to remember when the telephone was more for communication than for marketing. But with all the technology and despite all the frustrations, connections are important to nearly everyone.

In the past two weeks (time "away"?) Marlys and I made re-connections: siblings, friends, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews, family genealogy meeting, huge gathering to celebrate the 100th birthday of another brother-in-law's mother, clergy friends, Vietnamese friends, and friends with LOTV/TheoProbe connections – that would be Jon and Cleo Peterson, who asked us to greet all of their friends at LOTV. Which reminds us that connections can be sustained across time and distance.

The point is that we are made for relationship, for connection to other people. As Muslim scholar Fetullah Gulen reminds us, we are connected most basically through our shared humanity, and so we care about the victims of school shootings, and about refugees, and the poor, and the people of Nicaragua. We are connected to others through blood, and ethnicity, and similarities (gender, age, interests, life experience, etc.). And as Christians we are connected through baptism and through our common connection to Christ, the vine who nourishes us and keeps us united in the faith.

When you think about it, being at LOTV is about connections, whether we are here as regulars or as occasional guests. Cleo mentioned how wonderful it is to be welcomed and recognized at LOTV, and it is the same for most of you, which is why it is good to be here even when the sermon's a clunker and the hymns unfamiliar. You are here for each other, for the community, and to be held in the faith communicated through Word and words and meal. Or, as a T-shirt says it, for Bread and Belonging! A priceless gift!

Pastor Ken Thurow

Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this for a couple of weeks, see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

The Lessons for Worship in July

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

July 1st – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3: 22-33
2 Corinthians 8: 7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 8th– 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2: 1-5
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Mark 6: 1-13

July 15th – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7: 7-15
Ephesians 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 14-29

July 22nd – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

July 29th– 10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4: 42-44
Ephesians 3: 14-21
John 6: 1-21

Ministers of Worship in July

July 1

Greeters – Greg and Lori Orzech
Ushers –Greg Orzech, Bill Tetlow
Readers –Penny Dibble, Bill Tetlow
Communion Assistant –Penny D., Lori O., Charlene H.
Acolyte –Ruby Yoder

July 15

G- Paul and Suzanne Gerhart
U – Steve Gall, Paul Gerhart
R –Pat Edwards, Marla Gall
CA –Suzanne Gerhart, Pat Edwards, Marla Gall
A – Henry Bergen

July 29

G- Roger and Susan Odneal
U – Greg Orzech, Steve Peters
R –Ben Kuhnel, Roger Odneal
CA –Susan Odneal, Lori Orzech, Charlene Heins
A – Luke Peters

July 8

G –John and Susan Price
U – Jerry Stahl, Roger Odneal
R – Roger Odneal, Chris Tinkum
CA – Carolyn Stahl, Chris Tinkum, Susan Odneal
A – Grace Schneider

July 22

G – Raymond and Carmen Covington
U – Bob Means, Raymond Covington
R –Chris Tinkum, Kathy Means
CA – Carmen Covington, Kathy Means, Chris Tinkum
A –Lily Smith

If you are unable to help be a worship minister on the particular day, please try and find a replacement to take your place or to switch days with you. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of Lord of the Valley.

- Do not touch unexploded fireworks; instead, immediately contact local fire or police departments to help.

For those who decide to purchase consumer fireworks because they live in states where they are legal, the Academy recommends the following safety tips to prevent eye injuries:

- Never let young children play with fireworks of any type, even sparklers.
- People who handle fireworks should always wear protective eyewear that meets the parameters set by the American National Standards Institute and ensure that all bystanders are also wearing eye protection.
- Leave the lighting of professional-grade fireworks to trained pyro technicians.

What to do for a fireworks eye injury

If an eye injury from fireworks occurs, remember:

- Seek medical attention immediately.
- Do not rub your eyes.
- Do not rinse your eyes.
- Do not apply pressure.
- Do not remove any objects that are stuck in the eye.
- Do not apply ointments or take any blood-thinning pain medications such as aspirin or ibuprofen.

Monthly Blood Pressure Checks

Don't forget that we offer free blood pressure checks following our worship service once a month. The next free blood pressure check will be on Sunday, July 1st.



Thank you for Day Camp Support

Thank you to all who helped make our Day Camp a great week for the children and families involved. We had a wonderful week filled with energy and fun. The kids enjoyed games, crafts, and Bible stories that supported the theme ***Beyond Belief***. We had over 15 kids registered and 6 middle and high school helpers.

Darrel and Carolyn McGinnes hosted our camp staff. Bob and Kathy Means provided snacks each day for our campers and helpers. Mary Mulholland helped serve the snacks each day. Suzanne Gerhart, Holly McKnight and Maryls Thurow provided childcare before and after the daily sessions. Marlys Thurow, Carolyn Stahl, Holly McKnight and Carmen Covington helped greet campers and parents in the morning and afternoon. Carolyn and Darrel McGinnes, Carolyn and Jerry Stahl, Suzanne and Paul Gerhart, Edna and Jerry Anderson, Susan and Roger Odneal, Greg and Lori Orzech each hosted our Sky Ranch staff for dinner. And thank you to the parents and grandparents of our campers who shared their kids with us for all or part of the week!



Appreciating God's World, a Travel Series Thank You!

Jerry and I would like to thank all of you who attended and/or shared your experiences in the country of your choice. Many members brought snacks, which was appreciated. We usually had about 20 persons with the most being 28 persons, 15 members and 13 visitors. Through this series, we hope those in attendance have gained a better understanding of God's World and how much people of other cultures have in common with us.

We are planning to begin this series next fall, September, on the same day and time as this past year, third Friday of the month at 2:30 PM. We have already penciled in presenters for September and October. If you have experiences in other countries or unusual travel experiences in the United States that you would like to share, please contact us at 970-887-9773. Sign-up sheets will be available in August.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study sessions continue in July on Tuesday, July 10th and 17th at 5:30 pm. All women of LOTV are invited for a time of sharing, study and support while enjoying a light supper. For more information please call Pat Edwards at 887-2238, Carolyn Stahl 887-9352 or Mary Mulholland 303-898-6743.

Men's Ministry

On Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am we have a group of men who gather at Lord of the Valley for breakfast, conversation, prayer and study. This group welcomes men to join them whether for a week or two, a season or year round. They take turns providing breakfast for each other. Sometimes the conversations linger, but they understand if some need to leave earlier. They seek to offer an encouraging, supportive time together. Pastor Ken will lead a Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark on Wednesday mornings during our Men's Ministry at 7:00 am on July 11th and 18th. Everyone is invited to participate.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

We would like to thank those who have generously hosted Sunday morning fellowship in the past few months. It is an important part of our ministry as it is a time to share in conversation and welcome guests. We have a few Sundays available in July and August for those interested in hosting Sunday morning fellowship. Please see the signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary as well as a list of responsibilities.

Home Devotions / Living Lutheran Magazine

Located on the table at the back of the sanctuary are home devotionals you are invited to take and use at home. They are free, and they are a simple way to spend a few minutes each day focusing on your relationship with God. Also, at the table you will find information relating to our ministry at LOTV and the July issue of the *Living Lutheran Magazine*. Feel free to take what you might find useful.



Lord of the Valley's
Health and Wellness Ministry



Fireworks Eye Safety

Thousands of people, many of them children, suffer eye injuries from fireworks each year in the United States. In the most severe cases, fireworks can rupture the globe of the eye, cause chemical and thermal burns, corneal abrasions and retinal detachment — all of which can permanently cause eye damage and affect vision.

According to the most recent fireworks injury report (PDF) from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, fireworks injuries in the in the United States caused nearly 10,500 injuries requiring treatment in emergency rooms. The report also showed that nearly 1,300 eye injuries related to fireworks were treated in U.S. emergency rooms in 2014, more than double the 600 reported in 2012.

Those injured by fireworks are not necessarily handling the explosives themselves. In fact, nearly half of people injured by fireworks are bystanders, according to an international study (PDF). Children are frequent victims: 35 percent who sustained a fireworks injury are age 15 and under, according to the commission's report.

Fireworks safety tips

The Academy advises that the best way to avoid a potentially blinding fireworks injury is by attending a professional public fireworks show rather than purchasing fireworks for home use.

For those who attend professional fireworks displays and/or live in communities surrounding the shows:

- Respect safety barriers at fireworks shows and view fireworks from at least 500 feet away.

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Mission Nicaragua 2018

2018 Mission Nicaragua team presentation will be July 29th during the church service. The Mission Leadership Team including Carmen Covington will give a full report on decisions made and will discuss future plans and hopes, including current and future financial needs. Continue to hold in your prayers Nicaragua, the people of Somoto, and especially those who have assisted the medical mission, as they live through this dangerous and very stressful time of steadily deteriorating political situation in Nicaragua.

Thank you for the support through monetary donations, sewing, volunteer time, donation of supplies, participation in attending Italian Dinner and Chicken Enchiladas and most of all prayers.



Mission Nicaragua Fair Trade Coffee Sales

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate available for purchase on July 8th and 22nd in the Fellowship Room following church services.

Your purchase supports our Mission Team to purchase supplies for the upcoming trip.

City Market Community Rewards

Thank you to our families who have signed up for the City Market Rewards program. If you haven't signed up go to: www.citymarket.com. Once there, click on City Market Community found under the Explore tab. On the next page click Enroll Now and sign in to your account or create an account. Once you sign in to your account you will have the opportunity to View all Organizations and select Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church. This is a quick and simple way to support Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church while doing your grocery shopping! A reminder, your enrollment in the Community Rewards will expire after one year. It is easy to re-enroll by signing into your account.



Lord of the Valley Pie and Bake Sale

Lord of the Valley will hold its annual pie and bake sale on Saturday, August 4th in Grand Lake. It will begin at 9:00 am and end when everything is sold, usually around noon. We are in need of volunteers who are willing to bake a pie or two or any other baked goods. We will also need a few people to work the day of the sale. Please see the signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

Lord of the Valley Annual Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 12th following our morning worship. We will approve a budget, elect council members, hear reports from our ministry and conduct any other business brought before the congregation. The Congregational Picnic will follow the meeting.



Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

We want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and provides donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please call the church office for more information, 887-9252.