



# OPEN ARMS



*Living God Lutheran Church*



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## From the Desk of Pastor Paul

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### Special points of interest:

- *Anyone interested in planning the upcoming Fall Festival is invited to attend a planning session on Thursday, July 21st at 6:30 PM at the church.*

Dear Friends,

For my July letter, I share with you a grab bag of information. First is the celebration of our nation's Declaration of Independence. On the Fourth of July, we celebrate the enormous freedoms and rights that we have as citizens of this great nation. We remember the extraordinary bravery of the leaders of the movement and wonder if we could have been so brave when the outcome was so doubtful. Thank God for our great land. Let us thank God and never take our freedom for granted.

Vacation time has arrived. This is Sabbath time: God's gift to us for renewal and recreation. I encourage you to take the time away and find yourself recreated in such a way

that you will have strength to do the things that you have been given to do. Worship will continue at Living God each Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30. I know that some of you liked the convenience of a 9:00 summer worship hour, but long experience in the church tells me that if you want to keep attendance at its highest possible level (knowing that numbers will drop off in the summer anyway) you shouldn't change the regular schedule. Rest, relax, and come worship the Lord all summer long.

The Call Process has begun and the committee has received a list of pastoral candidates. Already the interviewing and visitation has begun. This is a process that requires skill, love, and confidentiality.

Please honor the Call Committee by allowing them to do what is necessary to find the best possible future pastor for Living God Church.

Bible School is scheduled for July 25 through 28. Each evening, we will gather from 6:30 until 8:00. All of us together can pull together to celebrate the gift of youth and education. Please find a way to be a part of this ministry by teaching, helping, or contributing financially.

Sundae Sunday: Our annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, July 31. We will have frozen delights and all the fixings available after each of our worship services. (Yes, some people can eat sundaes at 9:00 AM.)

The Annual Church Picnic and Outdoor



Annual Picnic is scheduled for August 28th after the 10:30 service.

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Worship is scheduled for August 28th to be held on the church grounds. It will take place immediately after the 10:30 Worship Ser-

vice.

May this July be a good time for you. May it be a time for living and forgiving. May it be a time for renewal and

celebration. God Bless you.

Your Interim Pastor,  
Paul David Townsend



Enjoy the summer but be sure to take the necessary precautions stated in "Nurse's Notes" to make it a happy and healthy few months.

## Nurse's Notes CONTRIBUTED BY JAN RUDOLPH

### Just some tips for the summer:

Protect everyone from the sun. When out in the sun, everyone should wear sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. This includes children and infants! Clothing also protects from the sun. Light-weight and light colored cover-ups are good. Consider sunglasses to protect your eyes from the rays of the sun. Hats will cover the head and neck from the sun.

But DO NOT FORGET to apply sunscreen on any exposed skin.

If you go camping or are out in the woods, check everyone for ticks. They carry many diseases.

When attending picnics, be aware of the foods, especially any made with salad dressings or mayonnaise. These should be kept cold until time to eat. If they have been sitting out for more than a half hour in the warm air,

DO NOT eat. You could become sick with food poisoning. When making a salad for a picnic, consider using oil-based dressings.

Do not allow children to play with fireworks. Fireworks-related injuries most frequently involved hands and fingers, head and face, and burns. Go and enjoy fireworks, which are put off by experts, at your local community displays.

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As our church family grows, we acknowledge the 15 members who have joined our church since January of this year: Alexa Duke, Tammy Donahue, Tanner Donahue, Robert Deck, Thomas Donahue, Gary Harmon, Lois Harmon, William Paven, Jacqueline Paven, Lauren Paven, Chelsi Shaw, Rhonda Shaw, Kathleen Varley, James W. Walton, and Maria Cognetti. Welcome All!

## Chicken BBQ: A Success

On Saturday, June 25th, Living God Lutheran Church held its first Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser, and it was quite the success. The barbeque raised \$1,100.00.

We sold 200 chickens, which were donated by Scott Risbon of Risbon Excavating. In addi-

tion, Wal-Mart donated a total of \$75.00 which we used to buy the potatoes and applesauce. We appreciate these donations in addition to the donations of beverages, charcoal and lighter fluid, Pepperidge Farm cookies, and money by members of the congregation.

The barbeque was such a success that we anticipate being able to sell twice as much at the next one since we actually had to turn potential customers away because we ran out of food.

Thanks so much to all who made this a tremendous success!!



**Our first chicken barbeque was a success.**

## Fate of the Revolutionaries

We call them heroes. The British called them traitors. Many of them turned out to be martyrs. Here is what happened to some of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence.

- ◆ Five were captured and tortured as traitors.
- ◆ Nine joined the revolutionary army, fought and died.
- ◆ Eight men had property looted by the British army or by vandals.
- ◆ One signer's home was taken over by a British general. The

owner, Thomas Nelson Jr., asked General Washington to burn the home down. The general did.

- ◆ The home of Francis Lewis was destroyed and his wife put in jail. She died shortly thereafter.
- ◆ Three men had their fields and mills destroyed.

In one way or another, all of the men paid a dear price as a result of their rebellion. Still they were faithful to the pledge they made on July 4, 1776:

“We, therefore, the

Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States .... And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives,

our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



Vacation Bible School will run from July 25th to the 28th. Registration is Monday at 6:15 PM. Heather Ergler will lead Vacation Bible School this summer. Volunteers are needed to help out. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.



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# July 2005

July 11th @ 7:00 PM	Christian Education Meeting
July 13th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM	Bridge of Hope Meeting
July 14th @ 6:00 PM	Women's Club Potluck Dinner
July 16th @ 2:00 PM	Wedding of Shaw/Deck
July 21st @ 6:30 PM	Meeting to Plan Fall Festival
July 25th–28th from 6:15 to 8:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
July 31st after each worship service	Ice Cream Social