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Mon - Fri 9 am - 2 pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
8:15 am Adult study
9:30 am Worship

IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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Holy Week, 2020

April 12, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are now successfully online in new ways and look forward to our Good Friday and Easter online services....

A big thanks to everyone for how well you ALL have stepped up to the plate during this COVID-19 crisis. Huge thanks to our church secretary Bev for her above-and-beyond extra effort in being available and holding the church office together during this time and for doing such a beautiful job with communications like the church newsletter (which for now she, on her own initiative, is publishing weekly). Thanks also for her extra effort for Holy Week and Easter...because of the ramping up of our online capabilities and communications this has put even more responsibility on her, such as emailing/ mailing worship service devotionals and other communications.

A big thanks to Diana Motel, Donna Wasilkoff and John Lyons, who have been outstanding in their efforts to now enable us (as of Palm Sunday) to post online services and video updates. (We have been praying for John and his daughter Annie who at this time have been sick with flu symptoms--not identified so far as coronavirus.) Thanks to Donna for her key efforts in spearheading initiatives such as ordering equipment, coordinating and supervising repairs and improvements, and assisting preparations for our video recording sessions. Thanks to John especially for his technical support in the face of many other concerns, priorities and responsibilities. And huge thanks to Diana for her cheerful partnership in so many ways, from your love for our school kids to this week's marathon video recording session of our Good Friday and Easter services (and pastor's chat), with all the editing, posting etc. that effort entails. We think you all will be pleased with the result...please spread the word to others to join us online for Good Friday, Easter Sunday and future Sunday services. Don't forget to post links to these services online on Facebook etc. and tell others to do the same.

What a delight to go into the church building this week and see what an absolute mess it is :) ! This means that during our operational down time the work is rapidly progressing on repairs and improvements...I know you will be happy with the finished project! A huge thank you to Donna, Jim McKinney, Gary Pote, Bill Merchantz, Pastor John, Mike Kasch, and all our volunteers who are making this happen.

Thanks to Jim McKinney, Pastor John, Kathy Miller and others who have volunteered and/or are keeping an eye on folks and doing things like distributing our worship service DVD's to some of our older folks.

Thanks Bobbi Pote and Jim Schultheiss for their ongoing faithful assistance with volunteer work and church council and things like paying bills, managing payroll, etc. We couldn't operate without you. And MUCH appreciation to congregational president Rick Boehm for his bedrock backup for Living Word's operations.. His dedicated leadership and top-notch management skills are wonderful in serving Christ's Church.

Thanks to my beautiful Christian wife Elaine for always lovingly being there. Thanks for everything including standing in for me online with "Quiet Time With Pastor Lee" when I was video recording at church. What a wonderful helpmeet.

When this is over we need to have a victory party at church and celebrate God's blessing through and despite this crisis, and also recognize the good folks who have stepped up to the plate in difficult times.

Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter!

Pastor Lee

New Facelift for Living Word



The fellowship hall during day 1. The noisy chiseling of the floor



The kitchen during day 2, what a mess. LOL.

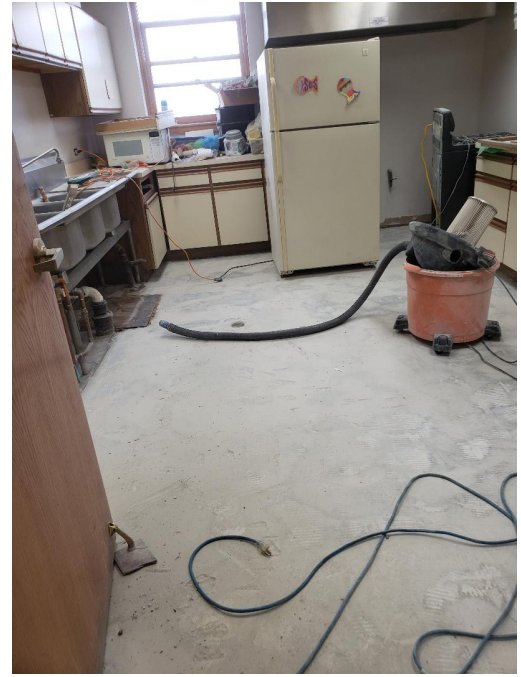
And by the end of day 2.

The south hallway was next.



The workers also did work in the preschool room, foyer and north hallway on the second day.

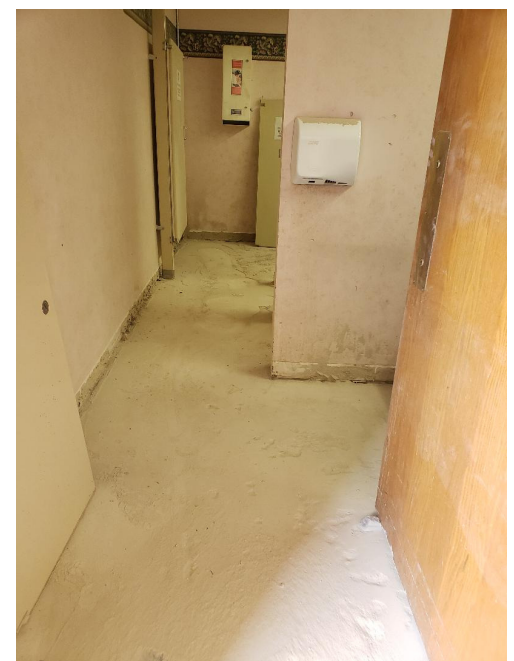
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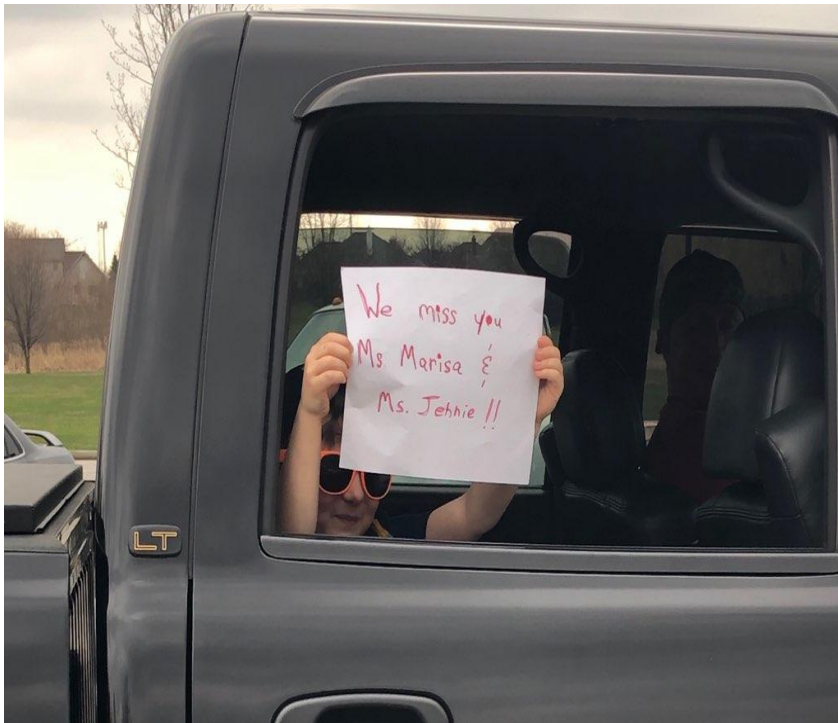
By Thursday, once some of the dust had been cleared out and almost all of the floors in the fellowship hall, foyer and the 2 hallways had been grinded down smoothly and evenly, the workers began doing the more difficult work in the other rooms. They started working in the kitchen, preschool room and the bathrooms.

On Friday they started more of the clean up and prepping work in order to be able to receive the flooring material Friday afternoon. All of the workers had agreed to work on Saturday, so they will be able to start laying the new flooring next week.

We will have some great looking pictures for our newsletter by this time next week.



Living Word Preschool Parade



Ms. Marisa and Ms. Jennie organized a "Social Distancing Parade" for all of their students on Tuesday. The weather was perfect, and as you can see by the signs they made and the smiles on their faces, they really enjoyed having a chance to see their teachers and to wave to them. The moms all drove to church and did a drive by parade, the kids not only made signs, but they gave Ms. Jennie and Ms. Marisa rocks and "flowers" that they collected from their yards and nature walks with their moms.



Living Word Preschool Parade



But the teachers weren't the only ones who received gifts, Ms. Marisa had little bundles of goodies of books and activities for all of the students. All wiped down first. How sweet it was to see happy, smiling faces, from a safe distance away of course.



Opportunities to Connect with God and Pastor Lee

I invite all Living Word church members, family and friends to a regularly scheduled Zoom meeting ("Zoom" is a meeting app you can easily find online). The purpose of "Quiet Time With Pastor Lee" is to:

- 1) Help us keep track of you and those you love during this pandemic,
- 2) Assist you and yours as needed and as able,
- 3) Share helpful information and encouragement,
- 4) Spend time with the Lord, drawing strength from His Word and in prayer during this time when we cannot otherwise meet.

Here I ask your help in making sure no Living Word member falls through the communication cracks because we may not have everyone's contact information (in this case email address). Please confirm with other church members that they have this invitation, and feel free to also invite your family and friends to participate. My wife Elaine and I have set up this app for up to 100 people at a time, and can scale this number as needed.

Please follow the below instructions to join, and let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Your church family is there for you and those you love.

Blessings!

Pastor Lee

Topic: Quiet Time With Pastor Lee

Time: This is a recurring meeting scheduled daily--every day--at 7 PM during this pandemic crisis for Living Word members, families and friends. I plan to host this meeting each day unless I am unavailable.

Please use the below link at 7 PM on any day you feel like joining our "Quiet Time With Pastor Lee" Zoom Meeting during this pandemic crisis--we are there for you and your loved ones:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/924816850>

Meeting ID: 924 816 850

If you are joining us on your cell phone, Zoom may ask you to download their free App. This can be done from the Google Store or at Zoom.com.

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Find your local number: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/feDYF4qEA5>

RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew** 8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD), WPWR channel 50 AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495
10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

Community Info

NEED HELP, PLEASE ASK. Please know that we are here for you. If you need groceries and or medicine and can not go out, we have some wonderful volunteers who will do that for you. Any errands that need to be done, please ask, we are here to help.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.



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Jim McKinney

Pastor John Bucka

Donna Wasilkoff

Stewardship Snapshot

Easter Weekend, 2020

Online Service

Financial Support

4,145.00 General Fund

31.98 Concordia Publishing Refund

4,176.98 Total General Fund Deposit

Living Word's budget calls for weekly offerings averaging \$3654 to fund our ministry. Regular, intentional and meaningful contributions from what the Lord provides you helps carry this out.