

IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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30 Years Ago

Long before 30 years ago, when this property was only opened fields in the middle of nowhere almost, a group of Christians had a dream. That dream was to build a church somewhere in the Orland Park area. It wasn't only a dream, it was an idea shared by the pastors and people of the Western Circuit of the SELC gathering in 1984. That idea soon became a resolution which was passed by the convention in the fall of 1985.

While in the midst of finding suitable locations, many of which included the area around 143rd and Will-Cook Road, their initial eyesight for the new church, leading them into early 1986 and to the area at 139th and Wolf Road. However, that had not resulted in an acquisition, which finally led them to what would be our new home. A successful agreement was completed to purchase a ten-acre parcel of land at 163rd and Wolf Road.

In April of 1988, the District Mission Board selected a model Laborers-For-Christ building plan. An initial call was issued for a pastor, but was declined. Thus in January 1989, a meeting was held with the Laborers-For-Christ foreman to begin facilitating construction of a building and in February, a second call was issued to another pastor, but he too, declined. In May, a third call was extended to Pastor Steven Lange in Ft. Scott, Kansas, where he was serving a congregation. Pastor Lange was very interested in developing and nurturing a mission congregation, and that led him to accept the call in July 1989. The third time is indeed the charm.

The planned construction of the building that had been scheduled for the summer and fall of 1989 was cancelled due to necessary revisions and a review of the plans by local authorities. At the end of August, Pastor Lange came to the area and was installed at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Alsip. His suggestion for the name of the new mission was approved by the mission board in October, and with that, LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH had acquired its very own identity.

That same month saw the first informational meeting conducted by four families and Pastor Lange. The original families consisted of the Meier's, Bob Kempke's family, Przybylo's and Doug Chicoine. Around Thanksgiving of 1989, a new sign with the official name of the church was erected at the site. In early 1990, the Whitfield's and the O'Brien's had joined.

For twenty evenings in February and March of 1990, this core group of people had been meeting and conducting phone canvass of the entire Orland Park and a portion of Tinley Park areas. With the help of 50-60 volunteers from SELC and Northern Illinois District congregations, over 13,000 phone calls were made.

Construction on the building finally began in May with a groundbreaking ceremony held on June 10, 1990. By now regular Sunday worship services were held in the lower level classroom of Orland Park Fire Station #3 located at 151st Street and Wolf Road. And when that wasn't available, a few services were held in the vacant Presbyterian church (originally Christ Lutheran) at 143rd and West Ave.

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PRAYER CHAIN

REQUESTS

Please call

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for immediate prayers



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Fri 9 am - 2 pm

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

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Worship-Comm 10:00 am Sunday School Mortgage Burning Ceremony Pot Luck Party Following	2 9:00-3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	3 9 am – 12 pm Preschool 9:00-3:00 Nature Exploration Academy 9:00 am PUSH Prayer	4 9 am – 12 pm Preschool 9:00-3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	5 9 am – 12 pm Preschool CHAPEL DAY 9:30 am POW Study 9:00-3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	6 9:00-3:00 Nature Exploration Academy Pastor Appreciation Dinner	7
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PRESCHOOL SPRING BREAK						
29 8:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Worship - Comm 10:00 am Sunday School	30 9:00-3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	31 NO Preschool 9:00-3:00 Nature Exploration Academy 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Youth Group Leadership Mtg. Christ Lutheran – Orland Park, IL				

Worship Helpers for March 2020

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 1</u> 9:30 am</p> <p>READER Dale Johnson GREETER Kathy Miller USHERS Rick Boehm, Jim McKinney ACOLYTE Ashley Regan MUSICIAN Anita Meier TECH BOOTH Josh Regan KIDS CHURCH Diana Motel, Jessica Lyons COMM. ASST. Dave Holloway ALTAR CARE Bobbi Pote, Pam Hostert</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 8</u> 9:30 am</p> <p>READER Alexis Gawlik GREETER Bobbi Pote USHERS Bruno Kolb, Bob Weber ACOLYTE Catie Lyons MUSICIAN Anita Meier TECH BOOTH John Lyons KIDS CHURCH Diana Motel, Jessica Lyons</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 15</u> 9:30 am</p> <p>READER Jim McKinney GREETER Kristi Hartz USHERS Neal Hartz, Pam Hostert ACOLYTE Anne Lyons MUSICIAN Anita Meier TECH BOOTH Jeff Regan KIDS CHURCH Jessica Lyons & Diana Motel COMM. ASST. Bob Grossart ALTAR CARE Bobbi Pote, Pam Hostert</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 22</u> 9:30 am</p> <p>READER Neal Hartz GREETER Donna Wasilkoff USHERS Jim McKinney, Rick Boehm ACOLYTE Daniel Michael MUSICIAN Anita Meier TECH BOOTH Bev Hodo KIDS CHURCH Jessica Lyons & Diana Motel</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March 29</u> 9:30 am</p> <p>READER Pastor John Bucka GREETER Carolyn Wagenaar USHERS Bob Weber, Ken Marks ACOLYTE Ashley Regan MUSICIAN Anita Meier TECH BOOTH Diana Motel KIDS CHURCH Jessica Lyons COMM. ASST. Dave Holloway ALTAR CARE Bobbi Pote, Pam Hostert</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your service.</i></p> <p><i>If you need to reschedule or switch with another helper, please advise the office as soon as possible.</i></p>

March Celebrations



Mar 1 Pam Hostert
Mar 1 Russ Tinich
Mar 4 Delores Urbank
Mar 10 Gary Meier
Mar 14 Matt Meier
Mar 15 Anita Meier
Mar 18 Ashley Meier
Mar 21 Kevin Sefcik
Mar 22 David Merchantz



Mar 1 Dennis Tarandy
Mar 7 Pat Johnson
Mar 12 Dan Folgers
Mar 14 Diana Motel
Mar 19 Bobbi Pote
Mar 28 Colby Kurtzman

Anniversary



Mar 25 Donna & Peter Wasilkoff
Mar 28 Dale & Pat Johnson

Stewardship Snapshot

February 2, 2020
 32 W, 28C

Financial Support
 3,065.00 General Fund

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.

Stewardship Snapshot

February 9, 2020
 42 W

Financial Support
 2,965.55 General Fund

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Stewardship Snapshot

February 16, 2020
 50 W, 47 C

Financial Support
 3,740.00 General Fund
 611.11 Building Rent
 4,351.11 Total Deposit

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Stewardship Snapshot

February 23 2020
 33 W

Financial Support
 1,982.25 General Fund

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Church Contacts

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Leadership Team

Rick Boehm - President
Jim Schultheiss - Vice President
Bobbi Pote - Treasurer
Diana Motel - Secretary

Members at Large

Jim McKinney
 Pastor John Bucka
 Donna Wasilkoff

Classes & Groups

POW (People of the Word) Bible Study had been meeting for most of February, and will continue with their study during March. With word pictures to spark your imagination, the preeminent prophet Isaiah paints pictures of the holy and composes symphonies of hope. Witness the double-edged dynamic of God's holiness, both burning away sin in the furnaces of His judgment and refining the humble so they are fit for His presence. God the looming judge also sends the Suffering Servant, who takes our sorrows upon Himself. Watch Isaiah bring these seeming contradictions to dramatic resolution in his magnificent masterwork.

ADULT SUNDAY FORUM meets each Sunday at **8:15 a.m.** Join us each week in the conference room next to the office in the south wing.

Opportunities to Connect with God

PUSH PRAYER meets every Tuesday of the month. **The first Tuesday of every month will be at 9:00 am and all others will be at 9:30 a.m.** to pray for our church, community and world. We welcome requests (call 708.403.9673) or join us for 30-40 minutes each week.



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 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

For Your Information ...

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR can be provided in memory of a special event, a person or in thankfulness to God. Choose your date and place your order. Hearts & Flowers 708-532-2772 will supply a standard low, long arrangement (about \$25) and do other arrangements as well. You can also make and bring your own arrangement. Hearts & Flowers also delivers.

Community Info

A NEWSLETTER from the MESSIAH FOR MUSLIMS is available on the table below the bulletin board. It has information about Vicar Chris and Pastor Hesham Shehab from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Burbank where Pastor Lee came from. It talks about how they will be going forward with their outreach to the Muslim community. They are also on our prayer list for their success, safety and future of their congregation.

PASS offers Hope & Healing program: Are you able to identify with depression, miscarriage, regret, abortion, divorce, abuse, loneliness, low self-worth, or loss of a loved one? You are not alone. There is a time for hope and healing. PASS is offering small group sessions for any man or woman who is struggling with unspoken or unresolved hurt. The next 12-week group session will be held February 3 - April 27, 2020. If interested in attending, please contact Susan Wilson, PASS Director of Operations, at susan@passhelps.org or 708-614-9777 ext. 120.

WE NEED MORE USHERS AND GREETERS! If you are not currently serving and would be willing to serve as you worship please inform the office or Bev at church. The monthly schedule usually only requires each person to serve once a month, maybe less if we can get enough people. Thank you in advance for your service, it is greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Trustee assistants for small little handy man type jobs for the church building. As the building is getting older, there are a few minor repairs and projects that need our attention. If interested, please see any member of the church board. Once we can get enough volunteers, the tasks won't be as many or as often. Thank you in advance for your service and attention to our church. It is greatly appreciated.

ORLAND PARK POLICE would like to remind everyone to be safe and mindful of your surroundings. Always make sure you lock your car doors and never to leave your keys in the car. Criminals can access your garage door opener from your unlocked car and gain entry into your home that way. As always if you see something, say something and call 911. Never approach a dangerous situation. Any questions or other concerns regarding safety or the community can be directed to Deputy Chief Joseph Mitchell 708-349-4111.

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH started up again in February. We had a visitor from Phil's Friends here on 23rd giving us more details and information on their organization. A door offering was taken that day. As we head into March, we collect today for Phil's Friends. For more specific questions, please contact or speak with Jim McKinney.

Living Word Notes

SPECIAL THANKS to Donna Wasilkoff and her team of helpers over the past couple of months in cleaning out our attic and various other areas of the building. Amongst her helpers were Gary and Bobbi Pote, Pastor John Bucka, Jim and Jackie Schultheiss, Ed Baidis, Marisa Walsh and Diana Motel who helped to get rid of all the clutter and making many numerous trips to the dumpster and recycling places, not to mention going up and down those stairs all those times too. It is so very clean and organized up there now. They not only worked up in the attic every week, but they also did more work in the music room, the altar room, the fellowship hall, the offices and conference room, basically the whole entire building. They really have gotten our church in tip top shape for new growth and potential. Among her helpers in the kitchen were Neal and Kristi Hartz, Dave and Cindy Stutz, Jim McKinney and Anta Meier.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK Our soul involves our feelings, personality, conscience, intuition—the thumbprint of God on our lives. When our heart is aligned with God’s will, our soul agrees with God that this is good. When we see things that should not be, our soul is the part of us that reacts negatively. Since we are still sinners, the decisions we make with our heart sometimes war against our soul, and our soul can either steer us back on the right track or be disregarded to our soul’s harm. This week let’s pray that God would grow our souls and bring them even more life.

YOUTH GROUP EVENT planned for Friday, March 13. The Sears Center in Hoffman Estates will host a Winter Jam Concert. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door. For more information on the concert, please see advertisement on the bulletin board adjacent to the office. While you’re checking that out, there are a few more interesting pamphlets and a “Youth Time” calendar to check out and read as well. If you need any more details please ask Pastor Lee.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES started on Sunday, February 9th after service. The students will meet with Pastor Lee after service the second and fourth Sunday’s of every month.

ADULT CONFIRMATION classes can also be arranged with Pastor Lee if needed. Please feel free to speak with Pastor Lee regarding any needs that you may have. If you would like to become official members these classes can be made available for those specific needs.

30 Years Ago

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Throughout the summer and fall of 1990, the Laborers-For-Christ were busy on the construction of the building. Many members helped work alongside these men during this phase. Especially consistently volunteering many personal hours, sweat and hard work were Gary Meier and Rob Helton. Bob Kempke also spent a lot of time helping to run errands and lend a helping hand or two whenever possible. But these weren’t the only ones who had helped out, there were many others helping with the finances and all the women of the congregation coordinated all of the Saturday noon potluck dinners.

By December 1990, the need for a building committee became apparent as the work progressed toward completion. The members of this committee were Chairman Joan Wessenstein, Doug Chicoine, Mary Kay Helmich, Dave Holloway, Rob Helton, Mark Koehler, Arthur Kuh and Carole Petrak.

During the early months of 1991, the group put in a lot of time planning and selecting the tile, carpeting, chairs, furnishings and numerous other finishing details. Bob Kempke Jr. built a baptismal font, pulpit and altar. Gary Meier was hired to do finish carpentry and coordinate the work of the remaining contractors at the site.

Discouragingly, the target date of March 17, 1991 for the maiden worship service in the new building was not met. Too many loose ends prevented obtaining a village occupancy approval. But a subsequent temporary OK was provided so that a glorious Easter worship service could be treasured as our first service in our new church.

1991 held quite a few special services for Living Word, including April 21, 1991, a year after the first worship service, Pastor Steven Lange was officially installed as the Pastor of Living Word and June 9, 1991 was the congregation’s Open House Worship, and of course the rest as they say is history. Congratulations Living Word Lutheran Church!