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PRAYER CHAIN

REQUESTS

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8:15 am Adult study
9:30 am Worship

IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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"Remembering How Important Moms Are"

Life is a series of seasons. During challenging seasons—from unique phases of life and rites of passage to the days surrounding deeply meaningful occasions like Mother's Day or birthdays—it is not uncommon to wonder about our purpose in life or even question it if we ever knew what it was. As a child, you can remember being asked to draw a picture of what you wanted to be when you grew up. It seemed so simple back then to dream up anything and just run with it, but somehow as we grow older we can be filled with doubt or insecurity in the roles we are in. **We end up questioning if we are where we're supposed to be.**

[The story of Queen Esther](#) in the Bible. Here there is a young girl who suddenly found herself in a role she never expected. She first finds favor with the king, but suddenly he begins to withdraw (*talk about feeling insecure!*). In the most critical hour, she feels powerless and unqualified. Sometimes, in those challenging seasons, we can also feel that way in our roles as women. Remember feeling unqualified or unprepared as a freshman in college? How about in a first job? Or the first week as a mom?

Many of us are familiar with the sentiments from the story in Esther 4:14 - *Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created*—this is God's purpose for you. This encouraging truth is applicable in so many of our roles as women. Whenever we feel inadequate or unqualified, we must remember that **God will prepare us and position us in the calling He has for our life.** He will also equip us with everything we need to fulfill the destiny He has for us.

So much of our walk with God is spent in preparation and waiting. It might look like waiting for a big break in a job, seeing the kids grow up and go to college, or taking a step of faith and pursuing a forgotten dream. During these times, it can be difficult to understand God's ways and plans for our lives. We might wonder: *Is my life leading to something great? Will I make it through another day? Why am I going through all of this?* We must always remember that **God has a purpose for us and is the Master at working all things together for our good and His.** He is working out details behind the scenes to prepare us for the calling He has for our lives.

Perhaps, like most of us, you find yourself questioning God's calling in your life. Whether you're going to work every day, volunteering at church, changing diapers, washing dishes, brushing tiny teeth, or any combination of these, here are three truths from Esther's life to remember:

1. **You were CREATED by an awesome God for a powerful purpose.**
2. **You are CALLED to a very important assignment as a woman and a mother.**
3. **You have been CROWNED with God's favor for such a time as this.**

Do you know someone who needs a reminder that she has been "created, called, and crowned?" Share this article with them and to remind your loved ones of how truly special they are in the eyes of the Lord or just the right thing to inspire you as you go about finding your purpose in life.

May Celebrations



May 9 Tracy Cygan
May 9 Shawn Regan
May 11 Ethel Hamill
May 12 Diana Motel
May 13 Paxton Hostert



May 4 Daniel Michael
May 8 Cathy Baidis
May 12 Bob Grossart
May 17 Bob Brandstetter
May 20 Anne Lyons
May 28 Brian Michael
May 30 Deanna Meier
May 30 Josh Regan

Anniversary



May 9 Steve & Eileen Rhoads
May 18 Darlene & Philip Cygan
May 19 Pastor & Karen Lange

Stewardship Snapshot

May 10, 2020

No Service

Financial Support

3,925.00 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.

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Jim Schultheiss - Vice President

Bobbi Pote - Treasurer

Diana Motel - Secretary

Members at Large

Jim McKinney

Pastor John Bucka

Donna Wasilkoff

"How Kids Thank Their Moms"

Pastor Lange left this article for me last year and wanted it in a newsletter, I thought this would be the appropriate week for it. We can all remember hearing all these statements from our moms and some of us even said some or all of these statements to our own kids too from time to time.

Child #2: Oh yeah? Well, MY mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. She said, 'Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck?'

Child #1: Oh yeah? Well, MY mother taught me about STAMINA. She said, "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

Child #2: Oh yeah? Well, MY mother taught me about WEATHER. She said, "It looks as if a tornado went through your room."

Child #1: Oh yeah? Well, MY mother taught me how to solve PHYSICS PROBLEMS. She said, "If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming toward you, would you listen then?"

Child #2: Oh yeah? Well, MY mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. She said, "If I've told you once, I've told a million times, don't exaggerate!"

Child #1: Oh yeah? Well, MY mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. She said, "I brought you into this world and I can take you out!"

Child #2: Oh yeah? Well, MY mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. She said, "Stop acting like your father."

Child #1: Oh yeah? Well, MY mother taught me about ENVY. She said, "There are millions of less fortunate children in the world that don't have the wonderful parents like you."

Child #1 and Child #2 IN UNISON: **THANKS, MOM!**


Living Word Thanksgiving to Our Members and Our Community

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to all of our members who have volunteered and helped out during this difficult time. We are very fortunate and lucky to have such kind hearted and hard working members. We are now more technically modern than we ever have been before, and that is all thanks to John Lyons and Pastor Schauer for their expertise in that field and also to Diana Motel and Donna Wasilkoff for all of their hard work and diligence to be able to learn and know about the equipment we needed to record and be able to get us the Sunday services each week online, its all those pieces that make this time so much more tolerable. We also can not forget about the people who will go the extra mile to help our members, Jim McKinney, Kathy Miller and Diana Motel have been delivering DVD's of the worship services to a few of our members every week, and I have received phone calls from the recipients as to how happy and grateful they are to be able to receive the DVD of our worship service. Plus this whole renovation project would never have been possible without the hard work and research that Donna Wasilkoff had done in order to have the floors and countertops replaced. Her research and meetings with contractors over the past several months or better have helped greatly in not only getting the best deal, but professional evaluations of what was causing the problems with the flooring in the first place. I also want to remember to say thank you to Pastor John, who always is willing to help whenever he is able to, and always keeps the back lot and helps in keeping the rest of our the grounds looking so good with all his hard work all spring and summer along, no matter how hot and humid it is. Our website page is also getting a new look to it, please check it out and see all of the different things Diana Motel has done to it recently, she has really been working hard to keep us and our services online and to attract new visitors to our family. To our painters this past month, thanks to Jim McKinney, Bill Merchantz and Gary Pote for giving the fellowship hall and the kitchen more than one coat of fresh paint. We also should remember to be grateful for our new church council, Rick Beohm, Bobbi Pote, Diana Motel, Jim Schultheiss, Donna Wasilkoff, Jim McKinney and Pastor John. Last but certainly not least, to Pastor Lee and his wife Elaine, making sure that we receive worship and fellowship virtually and spiritually every week. They both make sure that they are available for "Quiet time with Pastor Lee". In addition to always being here on Saturdays with Diana in order to have the service recorded, Pastor Lee always spends a little extra time and gives a personal chat to be recorded for us, it is so nice to at see him and hear his voice every week. These may be difficult times, but in a very special way for us, and because of all.

SPECIAL THANKS WAS POSTED:

Diana Motel has posted a very special thank you to Pastor Lee on our website, I thought I should share it with everyone in our newsletter: Thank you for all your work during this time Pastor.

Thank you Diana for reminding us how important a pastor's work is during this time, and thank you Pastor Lee for keeping us connected to the Word of our Lord and helping and leading us to worship together at least virtually and spiritually every week. God Bless you and Elaine for all that you do. Your family from Living Word Lutheran Church.

**Shout-Out Your
Pastor: If you are still
receiving the Word
from a pastor In this
pandemic, thank them
for their service! They
are an Essential
Worker; Without the
Word we simply
cannot survive!!** 

Walcamp Event Advertisement



May 16th, 2020

**WalCamp Drive Thru
Pulled Pork Dinner!**

Dinner Includes:

Pulled Pork Sandwich

**Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato
Salad and Cookie**

Price \$ 15/Meal 6 Meal Pack/\$80

Purchase Meals online or by Phone

Before May 12th.

Pickup 2pm-4pm

www.WalCamp.org/pork



...into the outdoors

32653 Five Points Road

Kingston, IL 60145

815-784-5141

Take a leisurely ride out to WalCamp, enjoy the beauty of our campus, pick up a great meal and support an amazing Transformational Ministry all at the same time.

Pulled Pork Dinner includes: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad and famous WalCamp cookie.

P.S. the Cole Slaw will be served on the side,
Not on the sandwich.

Price is \$15/Meal or a 6 Pack of Meals for \$80.00.

Meals must be pre-purchased by May 12th at

www.WalCamp.org/pork

or call our office at: 815-784-5141.

Pickup on May 16th between 2pm and 4pm

While you are here you are invited to enjoy a hike or any outdoor activity. We ask that you adhere to the Current Illinois Social Distancing Guidelines that are in place while enjoying our campus.

Living Word News

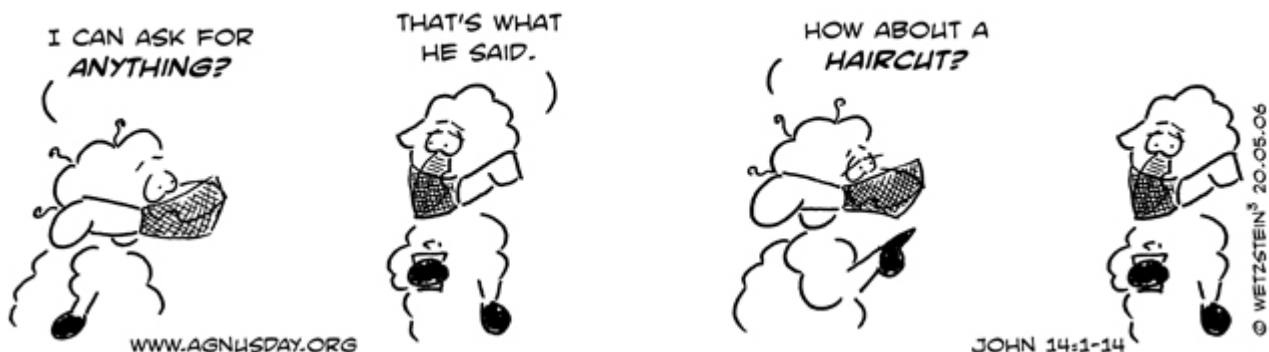
FEELING POT LUCKY?? Hopefully as soon as the stay at home order is lifted and we start to gather for worship on a more regular basis, we will want to start looking forward to fellowship events and summertime fun. The idea is already being kicked around slightly. Of course our main goal is everyone's safety, but we just thought that it would be really nice to have something to get excited about and to be able to have plenty of time to start planning. We will, of course want to have some type of dedication ceremony for our brand new floor and we will honor Ruth Grebik for her very generous bequest at that time as well. So while everyone is bored at home, go through your cookbooks and recipes and think about what you are able to contribute, you know how hungry we all must be for not being able to have a grand spread all this while. LOL.

JUNE SERVICES are tentatively being planned to start as of June 7th. This will only be a "soft opening" as we will restrict it at the start for 10 couples, individuals and/or families. This will of course depend on the situation at that time. As long as our governor will keep the stay at home order in place, we will honor that. However, it appears that this should be lifted at the start of June and we would like to gather at least partially, so this will be on a sign up basis only for the first week or so at first. You can sign up for different Sundays depending on your choice and as to what is available. The Sunday dates for the month of June are 7th, 14th, 21st and the 28th. We will practice the social distancing rule of 6', so families, individuals and/or couples will be seated as such. The 7th and the 21st will be communion Sunday and Diana Motel has already ordered pre-packed individual servings of the communion wine and wafers from Concordia to help keep all of our members safe. If need be and if you prefer to wear a mask, that will help as well. Please call the office or send me an email to sign up for a particular Sunday worship. It will be a first come first serve basis and we will try to accommodate everyone within that first couple of weeks depending on your preferences. As time gets closer, I will be calling everyone as well to go over all the details. Worship time will still be 9:30 AM and hopefully we can increase the number gradually depending on circumstances. Most importantly we want to keep all of our members safe and to keep them healthy. We want to thank you deeply for all your patience and understanding during this very difficult time. We are hoping to be able to increase the number progressively as the month goes on and as we adhere to the phases of the reopening schedule mandated by Governor Pritzker. Just to reassure everyone as well, there is a very intensive and deep cleaning taking place currently and being planned for the coming weeks, the floor installers have completed the floor, and sent in a cleaning crew last week to start the clean up process, I have started a deep clean of all areas, items and surfaces in every room of the building. We are having each room painted, once the walls have been cleaned and washed several times. Plus we still have hand sanitizer available here and the building will be disinfected prior to our first service. Please call with any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions. We need everyone's help to insure we don't forget anyone's needs. Thank you all.

PAINTING THIS WEEK, the two classrooms are getting a new fresh coat of paint. Gary Pote has been busy this week in the Nature Exploration Academy room. He has wiped down the walls and taped everything and has started cutting and painting the walls. He plans on doing the same for the preschool room next week. Thanks Gary! While those two rooms are getting painted, Bill Merchantz and Jim McKinney have been painting the kitchen. Thanks Bill and Jim!! We are going to have such a great looking church to come back to once all of this stay at home order will finally be lifted.

HELP NEEDED: The only other areas in the building that will need to be painted next after these rooms are finished will be the 2 hallways. If anyone has the time and is interested in helping out, please contact the office. If more than a couple people volunteer, they can be done separately to ensure that everyone stays safe and healthy.

A sign of the times, how appropriate, right? We never thought it would come to this.



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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Meeting ID: 924 816 850

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

LETTER FROM THE ERJAVEC'S *"We very much appreciate Living Word sending the DVD's of Sunday worship. We have followed with great interest the improvements that are happening at the church building. Living Word is blessed with talented volunteers. God's Blessings and Health and Safety to all. Jerry and Barb Erjavec"*

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect – 1 Peter 3:15b (NIV)*

As we try to relate in love to everyone who crosses our path, we may nevertheless encounter resistance or hostility at times. The first thing to do is to check our attitude—are we acting and speaking with gentleness and respect? If so, then realize that they are rejecting God, not us, forgive them, and let God worry about their response. His Spirit can bring conviction and prepare their heart for their next encounter with you or another Christian.

NEED HELP, PLEASE ASK. Please know that we are here for you. If you need groceries 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're here.

