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### PRAYER CHAIN

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#### 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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## "ABC's of Patriotism"

**A** is for America, my country 'tis of thee!  
**B** is for the Brave Ones, who for you and me.  
**C** for our Constitution, Guardian of our rights;  
**D** is for Deeds of brave men, which raised us to great heights.  
**E** is for Enterprise, which keeps us from being slaves;  
**F** for Founding Fathers, now sleeping in their graves.  
**G** is for Almighty God, who watches from above;  
**H** is for our Heritage, which we so dearly love.  
**I** for Independence we won at a price so dear;  
**J** is for the Judgment all traitors come to fear.  
**K** is for the King of Kings, who guides us in His Light;  
**L** is for the Love we feel for all things good and right.  
**M** is for the Mighty One, who loves both great and small;  
**N** is for our Nation, which stands so brave and tall.  
**O** is for Old Glory, long may her banner wave;  
**P** is for our many Prayers for God our land to save.  
**Q** is for the Questions we all must ask today;  
**R** for our Republic - which we must keep that way.  
**S** is for our Sovereignty, which never must be lost;  
**T** is for the precious Truth - preserve it at all cost.  
**U** is for the Unity of men who would be free;  
**V** for the final Victory we all shall live to see.  
**W** is for our Watchman, who stands on guard tonight;  
**X** for the Unknown Quantity we face in this great fight.  
**Y** is for Young Ones, who must protect our land;  
**Z** is for the Zero Hour, if we fail to take a stand.



*"When I go to bed at night, I thank God I'm an American and I pray to live every day of my life like a red-blooded, homegrown American ought to."*

By Gladys Naul

## *"Getting Ready To Reopen"*

As we are preparing for reconvening for worship, the following guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health and we encourage all our members to be aware of the risks and follow recommendations.

Know the systems:

Symptoms Clinical features are fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illnesses. Symptoms may include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Human coronaviruses can sometimes cause lower-respiratory tract illnesses, such as pneumonia or bronchitis.

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, we ask that you stay home and enjoy our online worship opportunity.

If you are attending worship, Please take your temperature before leaving home.

The following can help prevent the spread of coronaviruses and protect yourself and your fellow members from becoming infected:

- wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;
- avoid close contact with people who are sick.

In addition, we will be avoiding shaking hands as a social greeting

**JUNE SERVICES** are tentatively being planned to start as of Saturday, June 6th. We will be doing services on Saturdays in the beginning so that the services will be able to get posted to the website and Facebook page. This will only be a "soft opening" as we will restrict it at the start for 10 individuals in the entire building. 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 hopefully, 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 Saturdays depending on your choice and as to what is available. The Saturday dates for the month of June are 6th, 13th, 20th and the 27th. We will practice the social distancing rule of 6', and we will be seated as such. This includes Pastor Lee and Elaine, Anita and a tech booth person. The 6th and the 20th will be communion, 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 Saturday 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 be 9:00 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, we have started a deep clean of all areas, items and surfaces in every room and cabinet 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.



## "Preschool News"

**PRESCHOOL GARDEN** was planted on Saturday. Marisa Walsh and her family were here weeding and digging up the gardens. Be on the lookout for all the goodies coming later this summer and fall. They planted pumpkins, watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, cauliflower, carrots, bell peppers, cucumbers, lavender and cinnamon basil. Thank you Marisa and mom and family. Look at all the work they did, that's awesome. Thank you for all those goodies, we look forward to the eats!

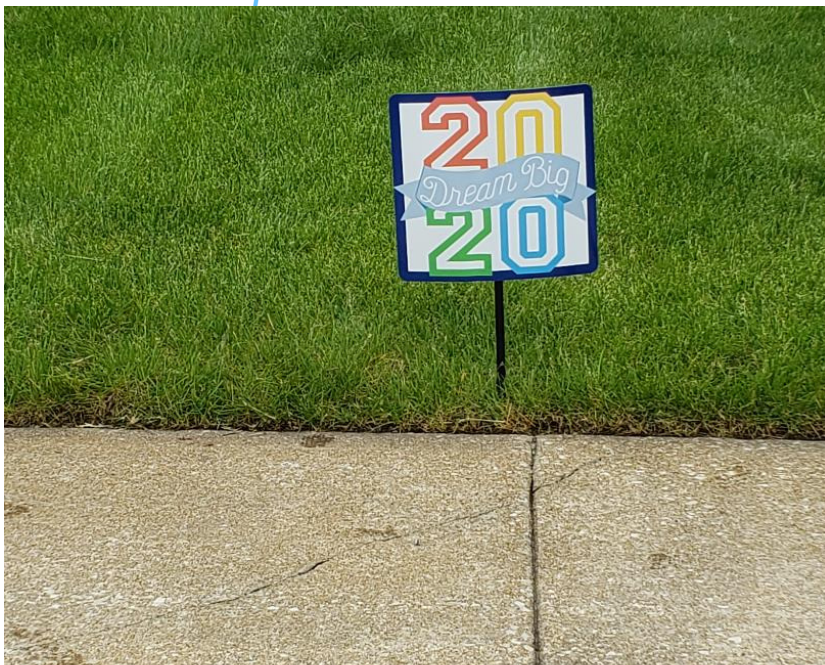


They also took care of planting flowers in the planters by the front door. We will have beautiful bloomed geraniums when we gather again for worship. Now if I can only remember to water them in between all of the rain that we have been getting. LOL.





## Living Word Preschool Drive-up Graduation



**GRADUATION DAY 2020** There were balloons, buckets of goodies and signs, but our 3 and 4 year olds stole the show! Here's graduates who are looking forward to kindergarten next year. Join me in congratulating and wishing them all the best: Kaleb Roberts, Olivia Hufford, Avery Seliga, Mason Razick and Lola Longo.

We also had a large group advancing to Pre K. Let's congratulate them on a job well done and looking forward to them returning to our preschool so they too can get ready for kindergarten the following year: Blaine, CJ, Henry, Victoria, Nicky, Maeve, Grace, Sonny, Eloise and Lucy.





## Living Word Preschool Drive-up Graduation

The students were so happy to see each other again and to say hi to all of their friends. You can see how proud the parents and families are of their children, and how proud the students are of themselves and of each other.

Of course the day wouldn't be complete without Car 55 from Orland Park Police Department making his daily rounds to make sure we were practicing social distancing. And we even were able to make him run his sirens which almost everybody got a kick out of. LOL. Fortunately, Ms. Marisa knows him very well and we didn't get into any trouble.



The students brought all sorts of presents for Ms. Jennie and Ms. Marisa, most gave them cards and bouquets of flowers, others gave them new additions for the preschool gardens. We have a new plant stake and colored rocks and more plants. It was such a blessing to see the families celebrate with each, just somewhat distanced apart in our parking lot. You can see how big all the smiles are even through the face masks.

## 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

**CONGRATULATIONS** goes to Karl Galik, a member of Living Word extended family, Eleanor's son, on your planned retirement from your ministry in Florida this month. We wish you much adventure and rest in your future. Speaking from our recent past experience, I know your congregation will miss you, we will keep you, your family and your congregation in our thoughts and prayers. God's blessing to you and Marilouise.

**DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

— Matt 6:19-21 (ESV)

Everything we are and have belongs to God. I am his creation and he wants me to live not as an owner but as a steward of the resources he provides. God has purposes for the 'stuff' that is in our lives, but as stewards, not owners. Rather than treasure 'stuff', he wants us to treasure relationships, and use 'stuff' to bless others (including those for whom we are responsible). Start today by asking yourself, "Which do I treasure more—'stuff' or people?"





## Living Word News

**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, we're here to help. We have had couple of our members volunteer to take care of each of us and are willing to lend a helping hand.

**CHURCH CLEANING** This past week has been a very busy week indeed. Its starting to look like a church again here, we are slowly but surely getting rid of all that dust from the concrete floor being grinded. And everything is starting to get cleared out of the fellowship hall and conference room and even the sanctuary. Kathy Miller and Donna Wasilkoff has been helping me wash down all the walls and doors, everything in the kitchen cabinets have been washed and the cabinets have been cleaned. Thank you ladies!! Everything that is getting put back into place has been cleaned and washed. Thanks to Gary Pote the 2 classrooms have been painted. The kitchen, the fellowship hall ad foyer all have been repainted thanks to Bill Merchantz, Gary Pote and Jim McKinney. Even the 2 hallways received a couple of fresh coats of paint thanks to Donna Wasilkoff and Kathy Miller. We can't wait for everyone to see how great our church looks. Hopefully by next weekend, we will be able to have a small group of people to move the bigger items back into the fellowship hall. Thank you to everyone who has helped. Thank you also to everyone who calls or emails and checks in with me, its great hearing from you, and thank you for the donations and offerings that have been sent in. We truly appreciate everything.

**CELEBRATION DINNER** Hopefully as soon as the stay at home order is lifted and we start to gather for worship on a more regular basis, with all of us in attendance, 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 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. In order to make it easy on everybody and to keep everyone safe, we most likely will have it catered. We will send more information out about what type of donations we should have or be able to accept, you know how hungry we all must be for not being able to have a grand spread all this while. LOL.

**QUIET TIME WITH PASTOR LEE** will be coming to an end this coming week. Wednesday, May 27th will be the final night for the Zoom conference call for "Quiet Time with Pastor Lee". However by all means if you need anything at all you can always call or email the church office and if you need Pastor Lee specifically, he is always readily available by cell phone 708-334-5883. Never hesitate to reach out to us.

### Stewardship Snapshot

**May 17, 2020**

**No Service**

#### Financial Support

1,465.00 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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**Rick Boehm** - President

**Jim Schultheiss** - Vice President

**Bobbi Pote** - Treasurer

**Diana Motel** - Secretary



Elim has been involved in supplying essential school supplies to **under-resourced children in the Chicagoland area** for the past five years through our *HOPE Packs* program. This program not only helps low income families and children, but it **also provides meaningful work for our adult participants with disabilities**. They too have been side-lined by this pandemic and are anxious to get back to work. In addition, the wide-spread unemployment in the communities we serve has only increased the demand for school supply assistance for this upcoming school year.

It is their goal and desire to help as many under-resourced families as we can and provide meaningful work for our adults. At this time they plan to build approximately 11,000 kits which will be distributed to the communities with the most significant need. To do so, they need the partnership of local churches like ours who also desire to make a life-changing difference for children and families in need.

**Here is a link to short video that captures the community impact your church makes through HOPE Packs:** [HOPE Packs Impact](#). Please prayerfully consider how our church can partner with Elim in this mission. Feel free to respond to this email or contact my colleague, Glenn Spoolstra, at 708-293-6510 with any questions you may have.

Here are a few FAQ's about the Hope Packs Program

#### **What are HOPE Packs?**

HOPE Packs are packs of school supplies provided to students to give them the tools they need to have a productive and successful school year. These packs include pencils, folders, notebooks, glue, markers, erasers, scissors, and more! They are carefully assembled by Elim's adults and distributed to schools and ministries in the Chicagoland area.

#### **Who is impacted?**

By supporting HOPE Packs, you are supporting two individuals: Our partnership blesses an Elim adult with meaningful work AND provides essential school supplies to a child not far from your own community. You make a life-long impact on both of their lives.

#### **What happens with the HOPE Packs donations?**

Donations received for HOPE Packs cover the funding needed for Elim's HOPE Packs participants to purchase the necessary school supplies, assemble them into boxes of HOPE Packs, and distribute them to local children in need.

#### **Does Elim only provide HOPE Packs to schools?**

While their annual HOPE Packs drives generally raise funds for School Supply Kits, they also build Food and Military HOPE Packs. For more information, contact Glenn Spoolstra, [glenn.spoolstra@elimcs.org](mailto:glenn.spoolstra@elimcs.org) or 708-293-6510.

#### **Who are their mission partners?**

They are so grateful to be able to partner with such great organizations. Their mission partners are: [Chicagoland Prison Outreach](#), [Faith and Action](#), [Christ Cares](#), [Lampstand Ministries](#), [YMEN](#), [Restoration Ministries](#), [Roseland Christian Ministries](#), [Circle Urban Ministries](#), [Break Through Urban Ministries](#), [Resilient](#), and many suburban and Chicago Public Schools.

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