



# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## "Jesus Feeds Five Thousand"

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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

#### \*\* NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am Adult study

10:00 am Worship

This is a "miracle", the record of a wonderful work that Jesus did, showing that He was more than a mere teacher or prophet. He was able to take the fish and bread and multiply it to feed the whole company of people, more than five thousand men, possibly ten to fifteen thousand people in all.

The passage has no Old Testament reference to explain, although there is an allusion to the feeding of Israel in the wilderness. And there is no lengthy teaching by Jesus, although there is implied teaching on a number of levels. So the interpretation will be brief and direct, but with some hints at wider teaching.

One thing that has to be settled at the outset is the parallel with the feeding of the four thousand that occurs in [Matthew 15:29-39](#). Most liberal, critical scholars conclude that there was only one event, and that the telling of the event got altered a bit over the years, and different tellings of it got preserved in the same gospel as if they were separate events. Of course there is also a fundamental assumption behind their views, namely that Matthew did not write the gospel, but that it was the product of the Christian community that lived fifty or so years later and they did not get all their facts straight.

That view is an amazingly naive and simplistic answer to the question of the relationship of similar events. What should be done before taking such a radical approach is to try to see what the differences are between the events, and then try to explain why two accounts would be included. But if the material did come from Matthew after all, then we are dealing with the record of an eye-witness, and not some later community that was trying to sort out what people remembered. If there was only one event, then the gospel accounts really did get it terribly muddled, because the passages are not the same. The differences lead to the conclusion that there were two separate, but similar miracles that were performed to show two related but different messages (as there were similar healings). The feeding of the five thousand takes place in Jewish territory, on the western side of the division of the river Jordan flowing into the Sea of Galilee. It was a sign to Israel that the Messiah was able to feed all the people even when there was no food to be had. The fact that there were twelve baskets left over indicates that He could meet the needs of all twelve tribes of Israel. The feeding of the four thousand takes place more to the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee, across the boundary in the political territories. The region in the east was not under Herod Antipas, but under his brother Philip's reign; it was a heavily Gentile population. So by doing the miracle there as well, Jesus was showing them that as Messiah He could provide food for the nations too. The account of the feeding of the four thousand follows the miracle done for the Canaanite woman, with the lesson that the dogs (Gentiles) will take the scraps that fall from the table (what the Jews reject). According to Scripture there were seven nations living in the land when Israel arrived; to explain the symbolism of seven baskets of leftovers being collected afterwards. So the analysis of the contexts and a consideration of the differences shows a better solution to the parallel material than saying the community got it muddled.

One additional point is the correlation with the other gospels, for they all record this miracle. Luke says it happened in the region of Bethsaida, which would put it more to the north of the Sea; the other writers do not identify the place. We now know that there were two Bethsaidas, one on either side of the tributary that runs into the north side of the sea. This would have been the western Bethsaida, although the exact location is far from certain.

The other gospel writers have more to the conversation than Matthew (as Matthew consistently shortens and condenses the material). When the question of food came up, Jesus asked the disciples what they would feed the people, testing them. Then, when they said they had no food to give people, Jesus told them to go and see what was available. They found one little boy with the loaves and fish. And so then Jesus did the miracle.

## August Mission of The Month

**AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH** will be Bethesda Lutheran Communities. They provide services and support to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities find a sense of community and belonging. From community-based homes and at-home life skills development, to job placement and coaching, to behavior support, community engagement and day programs, we help people live meaningful and fulfilling lives. Unfortunately with COVID-19, the administration and staff for Bethesda are not allowed to travel, so we will not be able to have a guest speaker. However, please see below and also on the bottom on the next page for a few ideas that we can assist them in this very difficult time. They really are asking only for the basics and anything that we could do for them would be greatly appreciated. We originally had them scheduled to come to Living Word in April to speak and share their stories as to who they are and what they do for the people with all type of disabilities. Hopefully we can make up for lost time with either a few donations or being able to bring smiles to their residents' faces. Also please see the information below that was printed in the April 26th newsletter for some basic needs that they are asking for.

I have inserted a request for some notes and or cards that we could send to their residents. Also they included a link that will include a wish list for some items that can be ordered to help keep the residents busy. There's a note and Bible verse that can be used for the inside of the card, which can be found on the table outside the office in the fellowship hall, or if you want to have a more personal note and your favorite verse, you can send that instead. Bethesda Lutheran Communities is following all guidelines given by the CDC. This means the people we support cannot leave home or have any visitors. As you know, this stirs up a sense of loneliness, frustration and confusion at times. Can you help right from your own home? Bethesda supports 1500+ adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and has 3000+ employees supporting them. Please consider writing to people with disabilities and/or their staff. Both need encouragement and prayers! If you prefer to use something from home, it could be fun to get a Valentine or Christmas card in the midst of this crazy time! Consider including a Bible verse and encouraging words. Thank you for this kindness during these extraordinary times.

### SEND TO:

Bethesda Lutheran Communities-Volunteer Services  
The Bethesda Family  
1615 Vance Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Any questions or comments: [volunteer.services@BethesdalC.org](mailto:volunteer.services@BethesdalC.org) or [ReligiousLife@BethesdalC.org](mailto:ReligiousLife@BethesdalC.org)

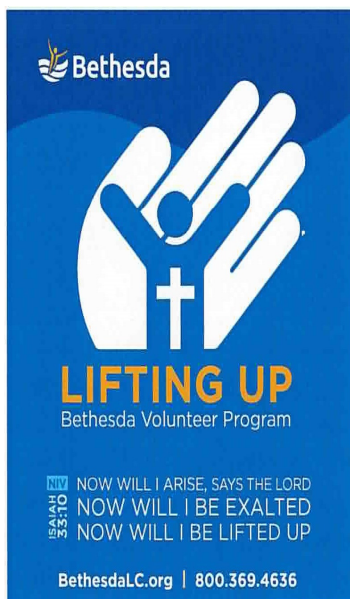
Here are the Amazon wish lists for the homes in our area.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3S2WLN7WYNVUA?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_wl\\_dp\\_TYUQILtuZYqg](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3S2WLN7WYNVUA?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_TYUQILtuZYqg).

If people would like to support the Amazon wish lists they will need to send them to

Bethesda Lutheran Communities

Attn: (Home/Wish list  
Name)  
13550 S Route 30 Ste 200  
Plainfield, IL 60544



## BIRTHDAYBOX

We provide the cake, you provide the party!

Help us celebrate the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with birthday boxes filled with party essentials.

Gather your friends, family and colleagues to collect items and fill boxes for these spectacular deliveries.

### Recommended items to include:

- 🕒 Birthday card or letter
- 🕒 Paper plates and napkins
- 🕒 Balloons, streamers and other decorations
- 🕒 A small gift - such as a devotion or prayer book, Christian CD, gift card, or movie tickets.

Have an idea and want to use your gifts to serve others? Contact us at [Volunteer.Services@BethesdaLC.org](mailto:Volunteer.Services@BethesdaLC.org) to coordinate distribution of projects.

## "First Month of Worshipping Together Again"

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.

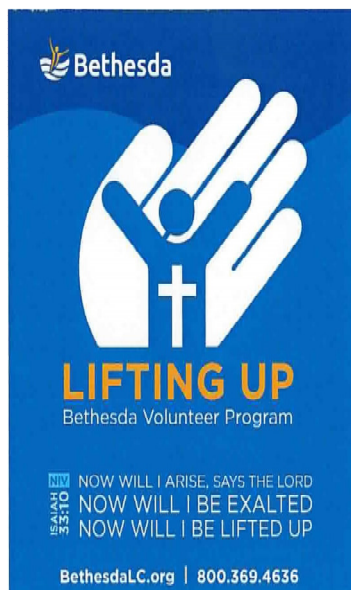
The following can help prevent the spread of coronaviruses and protect yourself and your fellow members from becoming infected:

- 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

**WORSHIP SERVICES** has started fully since May 31st. WE ARE CHANGING THE START TIME FOR WORSHIP SERVICE TO 10:00 AM. ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS TIME WILL CHANGE TO 9:00 AM. We are keeping to the social distancing rules of 6' apart and will seat everyone accordingly. We are also practicing social distancing after worship service. We ask that you wear a face mask for your own safety as well as for the safety of your fellow members. We all need to be masked. However, Pastor Lee will not be wearing his face mask as he needs to lead the service, but will maintain social distancing and not be able to greet anyone. We leave it to your own discretion as to when you feel safe and comfortable enough to come back to worship at Living Word. As originally stated, communion Sunday will be the first and third Sundays of the month, so for July it will be on the 5th and 19th. We have the pre-packaged single serve communion cups of grape juice with the wafer for everyone. Even though we all have been anxiously waiting to be able to worship together, your safety and health are of the utmost importance to us. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me, and we will do everything we can to take care of your concerns. Please note that the Adult Bible Study location has been moved to the sanctuary so everyone can be seated apart from one another.

Continued from page 2 for the mission of the month, here is another list from Bethesda for some ideas for some personal items that are needed.



Help us support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their homes by collecting supplies they need to keep things clean, neat and organized.

Gather your friends, church members, family or colleagues to collect items for people Bethesda supports.

Recommended items to collect:

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 👉 Paper Towels  | 👉 Bath Towels | 👉 Hand Soap/Sanitizer | 👉 Glass Cleaner       |
| 👉 Toilet Paper  | 👉 Wash Cloths | 👉 Bathroom Cleaning   | 👉 Toilet Bowl Cleaner |
| 👉 Facial Tissue | 👉 Dish Cloths | 👉 Spray               |                       |

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## Classes & Groups

**ADULT SUNDAY FORUM** will resume meeting again each Sunday with a new start time of **9:00 a.m.** Join us each week in our new location in the sanctuary, even though it might be a smaller group than usual, we still want to maintain safe social distancing.

**PUSH PRAYER** meets **every Tuesday at 10:00 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 9:30a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

## For Your Information ...

**CARE GIVER NEEDED** If you or you know of anyone who would be interested and is qualified to be a live-in care giver, please contact Cathy Baidas at 708-710-1141 as she is looking for someone to be with her mom.

**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.

**TAX STATEMENTS** for last year 2019 are still available To pick yours up, give me a call in the office or see me on Sunday to pick up yours. Also the first and second quarter statements for 2020 are now available as well. Please call or email the office if there are any discrepancies in your statements.

**WE NEED MORE USHERS AND GREETERS!** Now that we are getting back together again for worship we will be needing people to volunteer to be ushers or 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.

**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.

**CELEBRATION DINNER** Now that we have started 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. Of course we want to have a dedication ceremony for our brand new floor to honor Ruth Grebik for her very generous bequest, in addition to a plaque in her honor, it was suggested that we should rename the fellowship hall to the Grebik hall in honor of Ed and Ruth. What a wonderful idea that was. 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.

**DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.* Galatians 5:25 (NIV)

What should our lives look like as we live in the Spirit? Transformation is like sailing. The power comes not from us, but from the wind. Our part is to discern where the wind is blowing so that what we do agrees with the wind, rather than fighting against it.

**NEW WEBSITE FEATURE** There has been a new feature added to our website. You can now send in your offering using our giving page. You can make a one time offering or create an account to have offerings come out as often as you like. Thank you for your continued support.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship—COMM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 am PUSH PRAYER	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:15 am Softball Game (Trinity-Tinley Park) 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship	<b>10</b> 6:00 am Softball Game (Christ-Orland Park) 	<b>11</b> 10:00 am PUSH PRAYER	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Softball Playoff Games	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship—COMM	<b>17</b> Softball Playoff Games	<b>18</b> 10:00 am PUSH PRAYER	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 am PUSH PRAYER	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship—COMM	<b>31</b>					

## August Celebrations



**August 1** Donna Wasilkoff  
**August 6** Jim McKinney  
**August 9** Randy Hodo  
**August 9** Robert Hodo  
**August 12** Lisa Regan  
**August 16** Jerry Erjavec  
**August 19** Kurt Meier  
**August 25** Lara Wasilkoff  
**August 31** Sandy Boehm



**August 3** Dale Johnson  
**August 8** Jerry Erjavec  
**August 11** Eric Hann  
**August 13** Diana Witt  
**August 15** Tommy DiGrazia  
**August 17** Ida Stevens  
**August 19** Sandy Boehm  
**August 20** Clarissa Tarandy  
**August 21** Larry Andorf  
**August 28** Thomas Boehm  
**August 28** Renate Di Grazia  
**August 31** Randy Hodo

### Anniversary



**August 1** David & Tiffany West  
**August 17** Bruce & Jodi Kempke  
**August 30** Russ & Joan Tinich

### Stewardship Snapshot

July 26, 2020

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#### Financial Support

\$5,626.00 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.

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Webmaster, Diana Motel

[dianamotel@yahoo.com](mailto:dianamotel@yahoo.com)

#### Leadership Team

Rick Boehm - President

Jim Schultheiss - Vice President

Bobbi Pote - Treasurer

Diana Motel - Secretary

Walcamp will be hosting "A Ravinia Style Evening" for adults. Music of the 60's and 70's will be provided by Nostalgia Entertainment.

For more information, contact Walcamp Outdoor Ministries| 815-784-5141 | [siteops@WalCamp.org](mailto:siteops@WalCamp.org) |

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**Save the Date!**  
**For an Evening Under the Stars**  
**A Ravinia Like Evening with**  
**Music, Food and Fellowship**  
**at WalCamp**  
**Saturday September 26th**  
**4:30-???**