

# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## "Peace Is A Choice"

I found this article online when researching for current events, and I thought after everything that has been happening, this article is perfect for today.

*"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."*  
Romans 12:18

It's not always possible, because not all want to live peaceably with us. But we are counseled to do everything we can to be at peace, regardless. Many times this will require us to allow the other person to be wrong and not argue with them. Preserve their dignity. Human nature wants to assert what we know to be right, but wisdom speaks louder and oftentimes tells us to be quiet. It can diffuse many a volatile situation. And if we do it with a smile, it can totally disarm our adversary.

However, if someone insists on not being at peace with you and lashes out, always remember, "WWJD" – what would Jesus do? He gave us many an example of this, and sometimes he simply walked away. But what if you can't even do that? What if you can't walk away? Then we are called to turn the situation over to the Lord and submit it to him, letting it go into his capable hands. He tells us in a situation like that that we are to refuse to take vengeance. Yes, we will feel the stings of anger and hurt feelings, and he says not to try to squelch that. Deal with it. Give place to it BEFORE THE LORD. Tell him all about it. Express your frustration and anger and bitterness to him. He'll listen, he's the lover of your soul. But then ...let it go. You've given place to it, you've expressed it, now let it go. Don't go over it again and again and again, don't dwell on it, let it go. If you do it HIS way, he will take care of it, never doubt that. Your job is to stay in his peace.

vs 19:

*"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay,' says the Lord."*

Friends, it's not easy and the Lord never said it would be. But we are channels of his love if we will allow ourselves to be that. And you just never know what love can accomplish. It can so disarm your enemy that the Lord can then bring him to repentance. So always take the high ground, for you never know what the Lord is up to behind the scenes.

vs 20:

*"Therefore, 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.'"*

If we strive to remain in the love of God and do all we can to live peaceably with all, our hearts will remain free. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, like walking in the peace of God and knowing the awareness of his presence continually. Anyone who has known it would never even think to go back to walking in hateful feelings, oh how repulsive is even the thought. Let us therefore keep an eye always on the possibility of seeing things turn for the good even in the lives of our adversaries. And there's only one way to get there:

vs 21:

*"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."*

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### PRAYER CHAIN

#### REQUESTS

Please call

Eleanor Galik

708-302-1686

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**



# September 2020



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11:00am Transition Team Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  9:00 am Adult Study  10:00 am Worship-COMM	<b>7</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> 	<b>8</b> 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy  10:00 am PUSH	<b>9</b>  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>10</b>  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  9:00 am Adult Study  10:00 am Worship  9/11 Memorial Event	<b>14</b>  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy  Preschool Open House	<b>15</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy  10:00 am PUSH	<b>16</b>  9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>17</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  9:00 am Adult Study  10:00 am Worship—COMM  11:00 am Informational Meeting	<b>21</b>  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>22</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool 10:00 am PUSH 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy  First Day of Fall	<b>23</b>  9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>24</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  9:00 am Adult Study  10:00 am Worship	<b>28</b>  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>29</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy  10:00 am PUSH	<b>30</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy			

## "Department of Public Health Guidelines"

The following are 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.

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 avoid shaking hands as a social greeting

## "September Celebrations"



**Sept 1** Jodi Kempke  
**Sept 1** Diana Witt  
**Sept 12** Jeff Regan  
**Sept 14** Jennifer Lange  
**Sept 23** Jesse Meier  
**Sept 30** Pastor Lange  
**Sept 30** Dwight Hostert



**Sept 5** Noah Hostert  
**Sept 5** Dwight Hostert  
**Sept 6** Lily Rozwalka  
**Sept 8** James Boehm  
**Sept 8** Pastor Lange  
**Sept 10** Dayna Hann  
**Sept 17** David Merchantz  
**Sept 24** Tom DiGrazia

### Anniversary



**Sept 4** Joe & Delores Urbank  
**Sept 6** George & Pam Hostert  
**Sept 19** Paul & Diana Motel  
**Sept 19** Jeff & Lisa Regan  
**Sept 29** Mitchell & Alexis Gawlik

## "August Stewardship"

### Stewardship Snapshot

**August 2, 2020**  
**26 W, 26C**

#### Financial Support

3,125.00 General Fund

**August 9, 2020**  
**27 W**

#### Financial Support

2,490.00 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

**August 16, 2020**  
**26 W, 23C**

#### Financial Support

1,610.00 General Fund

**August 23, 2020**  
**26 W**

#### Financial Support

2,025.00 General Fund

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### Church Contacts

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#### Leadership Team

**Rick Boehm** - President

**Bobbi Pote** - Treasurer

**Diana Motel** - Secretary

#### Members at Large

**Jim McKinney**

**Pastor John Bucka**

**Donna Wasilkoff**

## Classes & Groups

**ADULT SUNDAY FORUM** has resumed 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.

**TRANSITION TEAM** met on Tuesday afternoon and will meet again this coming Tuesday. There will be an informational meeting on September 20th immediately after service. Please plan on attending to find out what the next steps will be for our church and what we are looking for in a new pastor. Thanks to Donna Wasilkoff, Pastor John, Pastor Rick Schauer, Pastor Kris, Diana Motel, Lisa Regan and Bob Grossart for all their efforts in this process.

**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 Acting Chief of Police, 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

**DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** *For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.*

*Colossians 1:27 (NLT)*

God earnestly desires that we grow up in Christ, as Christ lives in us. That only happens as we surrender to His will. And then we want that for others also, that they too would come into an ever-growing relationship with Christ. And so we all together become the Bride of Christ, and will be presented to Him in heaven, just as God intended from the foundation of the world.

**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.



## September Mission of The Month and Special Service



### **“God’s Grace at Ground Zero” 9/11 Memorial Event**

On Sunday, September 13, at our 10 a.m. service, 9/11 chaplain and Living Word Pastor Steve Lee will give a special 9/11 anniversary presentation, “*God’s Grace at Ground Zero.*” A former California sheriff’s sergeant and NCIS special agent, Pastor Lee served as Ground Zero Cross recovery crew chaplain (now preserved as part of the permanent 9/11 Memorial Museum). In addition to showing pictures of Ground Zero and the cross recovery, he will relate experiences working with first responders and recovery workers in the days following 9/11. As part of this “Mission of the Month” presentation, he will also share future publishing plans for a special law enforcement “officer survival” edition Bible.

In addition to serving in New York after 9/11, Pastor Lee has served as on-scene chaplain at major crises and disasters such as the Columbine High School shooting, Hurricane Katrina, the Haiti earthquake, and more recent events such as the Las Vegas Mandalay Bay Hotel shooting.

We want to recognize, honor, and support all our first responders—police, fire, and EMS—who risk so much to protect and serve us all. God bless you, and may God bless America!

*Due to COVID-19, attendance for this event is limited, and safety protocols will be in place. Visitors please contact our church office for free admission passes or register online.  
Priority will be given to first responders and their families.*

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*"Preschool Open Enrollment"*

# Living Word Preschool

We still have a few openings  
for this school year.

Please register on our website at  
<https://livingwordorland.org/preschool/>

Any questions please contact us  
at (708) 226-1160

Help us get more children involved in our preschool. Please let your family members and friends know about the available openings for this fall. We have several safety protocols in place and working on many more.

*"Walcamp Event"*

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) |  
Walcamp Outdoor Ministry, 32653 Five Points Road, Kingston, IL 60145

**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-???**