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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Please call
Eleanor Galik
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for immediate prayers



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Word may live in others.

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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
10:00 am Sunday School

IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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"Easter Egg Hunt 2021"

THANK YOU TO ALL who braved the cold and wind to help make this event a huge success. Despite the weather we had about 50 children who showed up and got a whole bunch of eggs very quickly, everybody seemed to have a blast. We would like to thank Diana Motel for all of the hard work she did in putting this event together, and she's not done yet, she is drumming up more ideas for the nicer weather when it gets here to stay nice too. Also thanks to Paul Motel and Donna Wasilkoff who helped Diana "hide" the eggs, and to Jessica and John Lyons who joined and helped us out, we also had Bobbi Pote, Cathy Baidis, Lisa Regan, and Kristi Hartz who helped people get checked in and lined up in their age groups and you know we have pictures posted and some very nice emails from a couple of parents too.

They read: *"Hi Diana, Thank you for such a wonderful event. It was the nicest Easter egg hunt we have gone to. Everyone was respectful and kind. We have gone to some that my kids barely got an egg. It was wonderful."*

Thank You!, Sincerely, Tracey Anderson That was from one of the preschool parents. *"Thank you for hosting this event! My children had a blast and I appreciated the slow pace for my daughter, who is special needs! The limited capacity assisted in her not getting trampled by excited kids!!"* Signed Jen Kickert, not associated as of yet with our church.



APRIL 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool 10:00 am Chapel Time 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy | 2 Good Friday 6:00 pm Tenebrae Service | 3 |
| 4 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship— COMM | 5 | 6 10:00 am PUSH Election Day | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship | 12 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy Classes Resume | 13 9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy 10:00 am PUSH | 14 9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy | 15 9:00am – 12:00pm Preschool 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy | 16 | 17 |
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April Celebrations



April 3 Donna Hann
April 5 Tami Folgers
April 7 Donna Wasilkoff
April 13 Shawn Regan
April 20 Ashley Regan
April 21 Jay Gabrielson
April 25 Peter Wasilkoff
April 26 Michael Miklos
April 27 Karen Grossart
April 28 Lara Wasilkoff



April 22 Catie Lyons
April 28 David Holloway
April 28 Nicholas Bonnar
April 29 Tiffanie West

Anniversary



April 27 Cathy & Ed Baid

Stewardship Snapshot

March 28th

42 Worshipped
 15 Watched Online
2 Watched DVD's
 59 Total

Financial Support

2,560.00 General Fund
 65.00 Lilies
60.00 Voice of Care

\$2,685.00 Total 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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Bobbi Pote - Treasurer

Diana Motel - Secretary

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Jim McKinney

Pastor John Bucka

Donna Wasilkoff

Living Word Endowment Fund

LIVING WORD ENDOWMENT FUND (as of 3/31/2021)

The current value of the fund is \$161,555.70 invested in Thrivent funds. Current market value exceeds cost of investments by \$35,965.67. Since inception (10/12/05), the Fund has earned interest and dividends totaling \$40,609.30. Of this, \$20,304.65 will return to Living Word for growth initiatives.

THIS REPRESENTS A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

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| To Date: | Total contributions | \$84,980.73 |
| | Market value over cost | 35,965.67 |
| | <u>Dividends and interest</u> | <u>40,609.30</u> |
| | Total market value | \$161,555.70 |

HOW THE ENDOWMENT FUND WORKS

Contributions treated as donation for tax purposes. Funds invested by Thrivent Financial. 50% of interest and dividends available for church growth. Interested in estate planning? Call Tim Regan/Thrivent (708-326-4750). If any questions, call Bob Grossart



Spring Events

SPRING RAFFLE tickets are available for purchase. Cornerstone Services is holding their annual spring raffle again this year. It began on March 19th. Tickets are \$5.00 per chance and you can purchase them online at CornerstoneServices.org. Also, please check out the actual post card that is on the bulletin board next to the office, you can scan the QR code that is on the postcard to buy the tickets instantly. For more information, call 815-741-6743. Winners will be drawn on April 29th at 8:20 am. This is one of their fundraisers to help support the people with disabilities in the Will and Kankakee Counties. All tickets will be purchased online.



Living Word News

CHURCH COUNCIL BOARD has openings and opportunities for you to join. Please see Diana, Jim or Rick if interested. We need your help to keep our church running smoothly and to have different input from time to time. Make your ideas heard and flourish with our church family.

CALL COMMITTEE and the church council met with Pastor Erb on Tuesday, the 23rd here at church. We must keep praying for God's blessings and guidance for Pastor Erb and his family. Let's pray that is God's grace that He leads Pastor Erb to our church family and community. It would truly be great if this was meant to be.

GIVING PAGE is on our website. It is safe and secure and your donations will be included on your monthly statements. However if you still choose to send in your donations via the mail, as soon as I receive your offering I will shoot you a quick email stating that it was received.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY will be coming up very shortly. There are many projects that need to be taken care of around our church, if you can volunteer a couple of hours or more, it would be greatly appreciated. Let one of the council members or me know what day works best for you.

Classes & Groups

POW (People of the Word) Bible Study will start meeting again this month, Friday, April 16th will be the first class, starting at 9:30 am. 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 with a new start time of **9:00 a.m.** Join us each week in our new location in the **conference room**, 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

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK *So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me. - Colossians 1:28-29 (NLT)*

Walking in the Spirit involves living out the gospel in front of others. Applying the wisdom God has given us, we share what God has done in our lives, making sure to emphasize God, giving Him all the glory for what He has done in our lives.

Mission of the Month News

VOICE OF CARE was our mission of the month for March, we collected \$60.00 for them. Thank you to all who had contributed towards this charity and organization. Your generosity is so amazing.

LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES will be our mission of the month for April. They provide several different ministries all around the country, below are the many amazing features of this wonderful organization. Their mission is to share the mercy, compassion presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. They were headquartered in Addison, IL and now currently in Northbrook. LCC was founded in 1947 as a nonprofit ministry to help support Christian human care ministries of the Church. They work throughout the United States and internationally. Every dollar given for a cause goes directly to that cause or need. Their ministries are listed below and on our website:

LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry was launched in August of 2008, and it is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ. They serve everyday in the community in which they are places in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders and the volunteers who serve them.



LCC Kare 9 Military Ministry is a ministry by veterans for veterans. They strive to serve our military veterans and their families. The Kare-9 Military Ministry dogs and their trained veteran handlers visit many places including VFWs, VA hospitals, Traumatic Brain Injury Care Centers, homes of veterans that are home bound, Expos, Vet Clinics and various other activities to help spread the mercy and compassion.

LCC K-9 Police Ministry handlers are law enforcement officers (current and former) who understand the unique challenges facing the law enforcement community. They bring the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who protect and serve, as well as their families. Crisis Response serves the law enforcement and family members in their time of need, by providing comfort following injuries, deaths or major incidents. Ongoing Support is the K-9 visits (headquarters, substations and dispatch centers), provides assistance with department missions such as Christmas shopping with children, summer camps and public events, comforting crime victims prior to interviews, counseling or courtroom testimonies, and general support for department members and their families.



LCC Disaster Response Ministries coordinates deployment of trained volunteers for Disaster Response. When disasters strike; lives, homes, businesses, churches and more are affected. LCC L.E.R.T. volunteers respond quickly to serve people affected by a disaster. LCC teams are trained to work through local churches to serve their communities. LCC Disaster Response provides on-site and online Lutheran Early Response Team (L.E.R.T.) basic training. Additional training includes expertise in the area of chainsaw, heavy equipment, debris removal, flood recovery, and emotional and spiritual care.

LCC Human Care Ministries work with pastors and congregations to pass through donor financial assistance, in-kind donations, volunteer people resources, emotional or or spiritual support.

Hearts of Mercy and Compassion (HMC), Crosses for Losses provides a physical and spiritual symbol through the giving of hearts and crosses to families and friends who have suffered a loss or are experiencing the illness of a loved one. An HMC can also be given to celebrate a victory, honor service, as an expression of love, or to be an encouragement in the face of adversity. Given as a gift, each HMC provides the love and hope of Jesus through presence and prayer. Upon request, LCC, working through churches, can provide an HMC at no charge.

Other LCC ministries include international and domestic ministries, church worker support, WORD Bible Studies, Congregational Preparedness, and support for passion through needs and causes.

“Lord, You Alone”

“He is risen!” Because Christ is risen, we have hope, whoever we are and whatever we face. Psalm 16:5 summarizes this hope: *“Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure...”*

1) “I have CONFIDENCE in Christ alone.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. ⁹ In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.” Isaiah 25:6-9

2) I am COMMITTED to Christ alone.

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

3) I will CLING to Christ alone.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:1-18

“He is Risen!”