



# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## "Honor To Whom Honor is Due"

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### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Please call

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for immediate prayers



Living in the Word...that the Word may live in others.

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**\*\* NEW SUNDAY  
SCHEDULE**

**9:00 am Adult study**  
**10:00 am Worship**

We live in a world that loves to pat itself on the back. How unfortunate that our lives are often lived and measured in terms of what we accomplish and how great our reputations become.

Consider John the Baptist. He was a powerful and influential preacher; he was a very important person in the kingdom of God. During his ministry he was becoming well known by hundreds of people who heard his words and were baptized by him. It would have been easy to latch on to this fame and bask in the recognition he received.

However, instead of looking to increase his own honor and glory, John knew there was Someone else more important than himself: Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah. John knew that God's kingdom wasn't best served by putting himself first; rather, it was all about Jesus—who He is and what He would do to rescue self-serving sinners everywhere.

John the Baptist is a wonderful example for us as we live as Christians in this world. He puts into clear perspective the most important Person in our lives. When giving testimony about Jesus, he said this: "He must increase, but I must decrease. He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all" (John 3:30-31).

John knew that everything hinged on the Person and work of Jesus Christ. As the Son of God and Savior of the world, Jesus is preeminent in all things. Through faith in the salvation we receive by virtue of His blood—shed on the cross on our behalf—our sins have been pardoned by the Father's grace.

For all that Jesus has done, He alone is worthy of our honor and praise.

Speaking of honor where honor is due, as part of our worship service today, we are honoring two very special people that have touched our lives in so many different ways. Ed & Ruth Grebik were very special to us at Living Word, and we are finally able to acknowledge their faith and generosity in the most proper way; we are finally dedicating the fellowship hall in their honor. Please join us as we remember our dear friends as we dedicate the Ed & Ruth Grebik Fellowship Hall and also pay tribute to them as we remember all the other good that has come from their bequests.

**THE PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, teach us genuine humility of spirit and make us, like John the Baptist, voices proclaiming Your mercy and salvation to those lost in the wilderness. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

# Thanks to the generous Grebik bequest all these donations and renovations were made possible.

\$1,000 to Holy Cross Lutheran in Alsip	\$1,000 to Phil's Friends
\$1,000 to Lutherans for Life	\$1,000 to Morning Star Mission
\$1,000 to Bethesda Lutheran Home	\$1,000 to Pass
\$1,000 to Concordia University, Chicago	\$1,000 to Love, Inc
\$2,000 for the Northern Illinois District	\$1,000 to Concordia Seminary
\$1,000 to Grace Christian Academy	\$558 to Peace Lutheran Preschool Naples, FL
\$1,000 to Eve's Angels	\$452 to Bridge Teen Center
\$500 to Lutheran Church Charities	\$250 to Gigi's Playhouse
\$250 to The Center in Palos	\$250 to Orland Food Pantry
\$250 to the MS Rehab Group	\$250 to Cancer Support Center
\$1089.73 to All Saints Lutheran to support Angels Among Us	\$250 to Together we Cope
\$3,000 for our preschool program	\$4,000 for the 2 fire doors
\$2,000 for Community Care Account	\$1,300 for Lutheran Disaster
\$5,000 for Capital Maintenance Account	\$1,000 to Musical Appreciation Bonus
\$2,000 for Self-insurance Account	\$1,000 for Pastor Lange (personal bonus)
\$16,000 paid back designated accounts we borrowed from	\$300.00 for Pastor Lange (H.S.A. expense)
\$4,230 to remodel our church office	\$855.00 Holy Cow Consulting, LLC
\$2,680 for our security cameras	\$40,000 was paid towards the mortgage
\$29,910 for our floor remodel	\$70,000 is set aside for potential funding for staff-ing transition in the next 2-3 years
\$5,488 for bathroom partitions	
\$1,000 to Haiti Lutheran Mission	

Sharing some of the gifts that were given to us is something that was very meaningful and important to us just as it was to Ed and Ruth.

Thank you for helping us help others!



## This Week At Living Word

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>13</b> 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship Grebik Hall Dedication	<b>14</b>  Flag Day	<b>15</b> 10:00 am PUSH	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 2:00pm Transition Team Meeting	<b>18</b>  9:30 am POW Bible Study	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship-COMM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 am PUSH	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>

### Celebrations This Week

	
<b>June 12</b> George Hostert <b>June 18</b> Eileen Rhoads	<b>June 15</b> Bob Grossart <b>June 17</b> Larry Andorf <b>June 17</b> Karen Grossart

### Church Contacts

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### Stewardship Snapshot

<b>June 13th</b> 25 Worshipped, 25 Communed 13 Watched Online <u>2 Watched DVD's</u> 40 Total <b>Financial Support</b> 2,785.00 General Fund 200.00 Diana Witt Memorial Service 2,985.00 <b>Total General Fund Deposit</b>
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.

**This is a good time to remember how to use our spiritual gifts and to never forget to be thankful for these gifts.**

#### The Seven Spiritual Gifts

TEACHING  
 SHOWING MERCY  
 GIVING  
 PROPHECY/PERCEIVING  
 ENCOURAGING/EXHORTING  
 SERVING/MINISTRY  
 ADMINISTRATION/RULING/LEADING

Romans 12:3-8 explains how these seven Spiritual Gifts can impact our lives.

#### Humble Service in the Body of Christ

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

## Living Word News

**ALUMINUM CANS** will not be collected any longer going forward, if you have been collecting the cans, you can always drop them off by the recycling center at the Orland Park Highway Department Facility on Wolf Rd.

**DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK** *You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers.* - 1 Thessalonians 2:10 (NLT)

Along with pure motives, we must make every effort to see that our way of living squares with what we say we believe. People will believe what they see we are. If that contradicts what we say, our witness is disregarded. If it reinforces what we say, they will be more likely to respond positively as the Holy Spirit speaks to them.

**POW (People of the Word) Bible Study** will meet this Friday at 9:30 am in person. Starting on July 16th, they will continue to have class studying the book of Isaiah, and for those who wish to continue to meet here, can do so, but we will add the Zoom feature going forward and anyone wishing to participate via Zoom will be able to do so. 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.

**ED & RUTH GREBIK HALL DEDICATION** is today. There are inserts in the worship folders showing all of the bequeathments from these two very special people and how we put that generosity to very good uses. A portion of the service will be in their honor and we will have refreshments and fellowship time in the somewhat newly renovated and dedicated Grebik Hall. Anyone who is looking to help set up and/or clean up or donate goodies and refreshments can sign up on the sheet that is on the table next to the office. Thank you in advance for your service.

**COMMUNION PRACTICE** will be changing and moving forward in the next couple of months. For the month of June we will be offering both the traditional communion at the altar and for those wishing to wait a little while longer, can still have the individual communion cups with the wafers at their seat. More information will be forthcoming. In July, Pastor Lee is hoping to have only the traditional communion practice at the altar. To ensure the safest possible experience, he will hand each person the wafer, minimizing any risk. We will keep you posted if anything changes between now and then.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, June 27th following the worship service. For those watching from home, there will be a separate link like we had for previous congregational meetings, that will be emailed directly to the members. We will be electing new council members as well as voting for the budget for the fiscal year 2021/2022.

## Living Word Lutheran Church



**Join us for VBS 2021**  
**WHEN: JULY 26-30**  
**TIME: 9- NOON**  
**AGES: 3 (POTTY TRAINED) TO 12**  
**CLOSING CEREMONY SUNDAY,**  
**AUGUST 1 @ 10 AM**

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
[HTTPS://LIVINGWORDORLAND.ORG/WELCOME/VBS/](https://livingwordorland.org/welcome/vbs/)

**VBS** is back again. YAY! Please see the advertisement above for our VBS that will take place the last week of July. If you are available to help out, please see Diana Motel or myself to let us know that you can volunteer sometime during that week. We will be having a sign up sheet for volunteers and as the time gets closer, we will be letting you know what supplies they need for their crafts. Let's all get aboard, lol for the Rocky Railway VBS 2021.



## VBS



## Mission of the Month

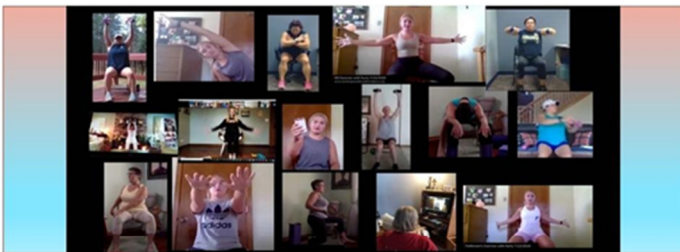
**MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH** was Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries. Our very generous congregation donated a total of \$382.00 to help with the remodeling of the maternity home. Thank you all so much for your contributions. It will be very helpful for their future home.

**JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH** is Working on Wellness Foundation, which helps with mobility exercises among other benefits for patients with MS, Parkinson's, among conditions. They will be providing us with weekly links for their exercise classes and promoting our church in those links as well. Please see below for their schedule, I watched their video and even though you can do them standing up or sitting down, it is a pretty good workout and is somewhat easy to do. Please

see the flyers on the table next to the office for full details and let us know if you are joining in with the videos. This is a win-win for both them and us, and we just might get into better shape and health while we are helping out someone right in our community. We would like to thank George Hostert for his help in connecting our church with their foundation. The Working On Wellness Foundation provides online, seated exercise sessions, created and conducted by our experienced and certified instructors. Join us live on Zoom (all times are Central): Monday 9:45 AM Yoga Tuesday 10:00 AM General Exercise – Sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation Wednesday 9:45 AM Strength Training - Sponsored by a donation from Living Word Lutheran Church in Orland Park Thursday 9:45 AM Range of Motion / Parkinson's Exercise Join us on YouTube: Each week, our channel will highlight a week of yoga, strength training, big movement, and general exercise sessions. You can do all while remaining seated. They include cardio, upper body, lower body, core, balance, coordination, and hand exercises. Working On Wellness Foundation focuses on providing exercise for those with conditions that require it just to keep moving. We now provide online seated/chair exercise opportunities for anyone with mobility issues. There will be a guest speaker here from Working Wellness next Sunday, June 20th to show us a video and to help get us moving in our seats. LOL

### Working On Wellness Foundation

Working On Wellness Foundation focuses on providing exercise for those with conditions that require it just to keep moving. We now provide online seated/chair exercise opportunities for anyone with mobility issues.



The Working On Wellness Foundation provides online, seated exercise sessions, created and conducted by our experienced and certified instructors.

Join us live on Zoom (all times are Central):

Monday	9:45 AM	Yoga
Tuesday	10:00 AM	General Exercise – Sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
Wednesday	9:45 AM	Strength Training - Sponsored by a donation from Living Word Lutheran Church in Orland Park
Thursday	9:45 AM	Range of Motion / Parkinson's Exercise

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Contact us to get free links to both Zoom and YouTube sessions.

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