



# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

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"Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

"Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary. For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary, First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith."

"All on earth Thy scepter claim," yet people may choose other things to reign over their hearts and lives. Earthly rulers, entertainers, athletes, power, or wealth—these are just a few of the scepters claimed, for now. The apostle Paul spoke of the time when all would bow before the King of kings: "At the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11). John heard the praise: "And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13b) Even now, in a world that bows before so many idols, we claim God's scepter as the scepter that rules over us, knowing that one day everyone on earth will acknowledge the reign of God.

In ancient times a conquered nation was often forced to pay tribute, in gold, crops, animals, or people, to the king who held his scepter over them. Fallen in sin, we had been conquered and enslaved, willingly claiming the scepter of Satan. The tribute we owed was death, a one-time payment with eternal consequences, and we had no choice but to pay it. But for our sake, in our place, the King of glory, born of Mary, became the payment, the willing tribute paid to death. Jesus took our sin and guilt onto Himself and suffered the penalty of death that we earned for ourselves. In His death, our debt was paid in full. Then, on the first Easter morning, the empty tomb showed that Jesus had risen! He was the "first to break the bars of death" and open heaven to us. When Jesus returns in glory, we too will break the bars of death and be raised to life as He was raised.

On that day we will see the proclamation of Paul and the vision of John fulfilled, as "all on earth" and "all in heaven" claim the scepter of the King of kings and acknowledge Him as Lord. For some, His reign will be acknowledged in the terror of unbelief. But all who trust in Jesus will adore Him as King, the Son of God whose domain has no limits and whose reign is everlasting. Until that day, we claim His scepter and worship Him as King of kings and Lord of lords!

**THE PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, You have paid the debt I owed. With joy I await the day of Your return. Amen.

**PRAYER CHAIN  
REQUESTS**

Please call  
Eleanor Galik  
708-302-1686  
for immediate prayers




Living in the Word...that the  
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

## This Week At Living Word

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>6</b>  9:00 am Adult Study  10:00 am Worship—COMM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  10:00 am PUSH	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  9:30 am POW Bible Study	<b>12</b>
<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>

## Celebrations This Week

		
<b>June 11</b> Dorothy Kohutynski <b>June 12</b> George Hostert <b>June 12</b> Faith Michael	<b>June 15</b> Bob Grossart <b>June 17</b> Larry Andorf <b>June 17</b> Karen Grossart	<b>June 6</b> Renate & Tom DiGrazia <b>June 8</b> Bev & Randy Hodo <b>June 11</b> Rose & Jim McKinney

## Stewardship Snapshot

May 30th

**28** Worshipped  
**15** Watched Online  
**2** Watched DVD's  
**45** Total

### Financial Support

2,265.00 General Fund  
382.00 Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries  
**\$2,647.00 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.

## 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**

# Living Word Endowment Fund

## LIVING WORD ENDOWMENT FUND (as of 5/31/2021)

The current value of the fund is \$166,915.51 invested in Thrivent funds. Current market value exceeds cost of investments by \$41,147.05. Since inception (10/12/05), the Fund has earned interest and dividends totaling \$40,787.73. Of this, \$20,393.87 will return to Living Word for growth initiatives.

### THIS REPRESENTS A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

To Date:	Total contributions	\$84,980.73
	Market value over cost	41,147.05
	<u>Dividends and interest</u>	<u>40,787.73</u>
	<b>Total market value</b>	<b>\$166,915.51</b>



### 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

## 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.

**GOD'S GRACE AND COMFORT** to the Witt family, as our very dear friend Diana Witt had passed away last month, her memorial service was here at Living Word yesterday morning.

**DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK** *Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.*  
1 Thessalonians 2:4b (NLT)

Not-yet-believers will naturally be suspicious of our motives when we present the gospel, for we are calling them to change. Therefore we must continually examine our motives to make sure we are really living in obedience to God, not relying on our salesmanship to persuade people to turn to Christ. Our purpose must always be to please God, and leave the results to Him.

**POW (People of the Word) Bible Study** started meeting again on Fridays. They will continue to meet every Friday 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.

**ED & RUTH GREBIK HALL DEDICATION** will be next Sunday, the 13th. There will be 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.

## 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.

## 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.

PALL IS REALLY  
LEANING IN ON THE  
PROMISE OF HIS  
RESURRECTED  
BODY.



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YES! HIS HOPE PERSEVERES  
THROUGH TEMPORARY SUFFERING  
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE  
THAT HE WILL BE  
A STRONG AND  
GLORIFIED BODY  
FOR ETERNITY.



PREFERABLY  
ALSO ANTI-VIRAL.



YES, THAT GOES  
WITHOUT SAYING.



2 CORINTHIANS 4:13 - 5:1

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