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*"Psalm 85 Synopsis" (by John Darby)*

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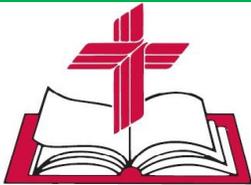
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### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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**

### The need of Jehovah's blessing: restoring work

There will be a restoring work in the souls of the people after their outward deliverance. Nor do I now speak of this psalm with very great certainty on this point. On the whole, I am disposed to think that they look for their enjoyment of divine favor in it, as between themselves and God, when delivered from all their enemies, and shewn to be forgiven by that deliverance. Thus the first three verses lay this ground, that God has been favorable to His land, and brought back the captivity of Jacob. This was the great public truth. But in verse 4 the restored people have need of other blessing in the reality of their own relationship with God. "Turn us, O God of our salvation." Jehovah was the God of their salvation; but they needed His blessing in the midst of the land. They would that His people should rejoice in Him. How true this is often of the soul which knows forgiveness! It looks for Jehovah's mercy and salvation, being thus restored to Him, and listens to know what Elohim Jehovah will speak; for they reckon on mercy. He will speak peace to His people—their public character—and to His saints—the remnant who are to enjoy it. Faith has then the certainty in every way that His salvation is nigh them that fear Him, that the glory of Jehovah may dwell in the land.

### Mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, the divine principles of establishment of blessing

The last verses celebrate, in remarkable terms, the divine principles on which their blessings are then established. God's mercy and truth had now met. His promises, always true, had now been fulfilled by mercy. It is to be remarked that in the psalms mercy always precedes righteousness and truth. For Israel had forfeited all title to promise in rejecting the Lord—had come under full guilt—had no righteousness on which to lean—had been concluded in unbelief, that they also might be objects of mere mercy. But then through Christ's work these promises would now be fulfilled, and mercy and truth met. But more than this. Jehovah was their righteousness, through grace; and hence that righteousness was peace for them; and that which in judgment would have been their ruin, was in grace their peace—righteousness and peace kissed each other. I need hardly say how true these great principles are for any sinner for yet better and heavenly blessings; here they are applied to earthly ones. Truth shall spring out of the earth (that is, the full fruit and effect of God's truth and faithfulness shall be manifest in blessings, full blessings, on the earth). But it was not by a righteousness that man had wrought legally here below. Righteousness looked down from heaven. It was God's righteousness, Jehovah their righteousness. But this made it stable. Jehovah gives that which is good, and the land is blessed. Righteousness traces the path of blessing for Jehovah and Himself in the land—His own no doubt. Still His rule shall be so characterized. A king shall reign in righteousness"—no more oppression. Justice is no longer fallen in the streets, as Isaiah 59: 14 speaks; judgment is returned to it, and the government has this character. "And the fruit of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." This last, indeed, is practical; but it is the result of righteousness having looked down from heaven, yea, of its being established on the earth.

## This Week at Living Word

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>11</b>  9:00 am Adult Study  10:00 am Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 am PUSH	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  9:45 am POW Bible Study  Zoom and Living Word	<b>17</b>

**POW (People of the Word) Bible Study** Starting next Friday, the 16th, they will continue to have class studying the book of Isaiah still, and for those who wish to continue to meet here, can do so, but we will also add the Zoom link feature going forward and anyone wishing to participate via Zoom from home will be able to do so. The new time starting next month will be 9:45 am, as it is two hours earlier in Nevada. **Please See Below For Zoom Info:**

The zoom email is [LWLCmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:LWLCmedia@yahoo.com)

Password is Church@1990!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81471123945?pwd=YTFXb3o0QWVwb3BUUE5ycEVNMnI4UT09>

Meeting ID: 814 7112 3945 Passcode: 359373

Join Zoom Meeting—One tap mobile

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## Celebrations For July

 <p><b>July 17</b> Jim McKinney  <b>July 23</b> John Gabrielson  <b>July 27</b> Kurt Meier</p>	 <p><b>July 16</b> Mark Cygan  <b>July 24</b> Bill Bonnar  <b>July 29</b> Darlene Cygan  <b>July 29</b> Josh Regan</p>	 <p><b>July 1</b> Karen &amp; Bob Grossart  <b>July 10</b> Jessica &amp; John Lyons  <b>July 23</b> Donna &amp; Eric Hann</p>
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## Stewardship Snapshot

### July 4th

**19** Worshipped, 19 Communed

**13** Watched Online

**2** Watched DVD's

**34** Total

#### Financial Support

2,245.00 General Fund

500.00 Messineo Funeral Donation

\$2,745.00 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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## July Mission of the Month & VBS



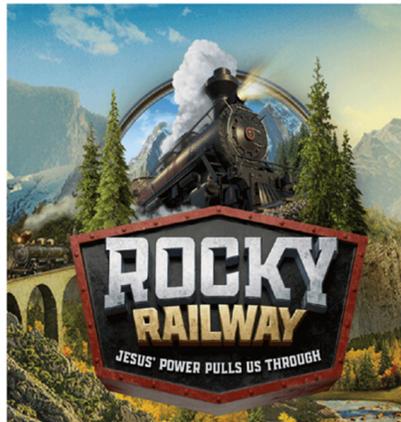
### VBS Supplies Needed

- 50 (total not boxes) Granola Bars (no nuts)
- 30 plain bagels
- 4 Tubs Berry Cream Cheese
- 4 Bags Honey Wheat Pretzel twists (sticks)
- 5 Containers of Strawberries
- 3 Containers of Blueberries
- 1 5lb bag of Clementines
- 3 Jump ropes
- 3 Spray bottles
- 4 Beach Balls
- 4 Pool Noodles
- 1 Roll of Duct Tape

**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. We will be closing it out with a little program on Sunday, August 1st with a picnic to follow, (in hopes to get back to our normal routine of fellowship time.)

**JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH** will be the mission project from VBS. It may sound a bit off track from what we usually do, but it is still a very worthy cause for those who are much more unfortunate than us. And it proves to be fun to learn about something different. For only a \$10 donation, you can provide an alpaca to a family in Ecuador. The alpacas are a very useful animal. They provide up to 10 pounds of fleece every year. Alpacas can usually live for 20 years. Their fleece is spinnable, knittable, sellable and profitable for needy families. Their fleece is thicker and warmer than sheep's wool and is hypoallergenic. The alpacas also help the local communities in Ecuador by providing work for the shopkeepers, spinners, and herders. The families also are trained on how to care for the alpacas. This mission project proves to be very educational and fun for the kids this month at VBS. Check out the flyers and pictures on the bulletin board next to the office.

### 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](https://livingwordorland.org/welcome/vbs/)**  
**WELCOME/VBS/**



## Living Word News

**DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK** [We sent Timothy to visit you. He is our brother and God's co-worker in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. We sent him to strengthen you, to encourage you in your faith - 1 Thessalonians 3:2 (NLT)]

As workers in the field of God, we long to see the harvest, the evidence of God's blessing on our service for Him. God provides encouragement in a variety of ways, and in both directions. Leaders can encourage their flock to endure hard times, and the flock can encourage the leaders by their faithfulness. Who will you seek encouragement from, and who might be encouraged by your witness?

**COMMUNION PRACTICE** will be changing and moving forward in the next couple of months. In July, Pastor Lee is hoping to have only the traditional communion practice at the altar, however since we have enough individual communion cups with the wafers, those who wish to err on the side of caution can still take communion in their seats.

**TRANSITION TEAM AND COUNCIL** here two weeks from now. The transition team will be reviewing the new list of pastors that was received from NID. They plan to weigh out which options will be best for our church to pursue. The church council then will meet shortly after that meeting. Their main focus will be transitioning the new members into their perspective positions and going over the resumes that they received for a new preschool teacher, and going over the proposed budget to present to us at the next congregational meeting.

**A NEED FOR YOU AND A NEED FOR CHURCH** As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient (who doesn't love not getting ready in the morning or leaving the home?!), it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much. You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa. Christians aren't consumers either. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We do life together. The church needs you. And you need the church. Wherever you are, find a local church where you and your family can be part of community and use your talents to advance the kingdom and reach others. To come alongside one another physically, not just through a screen. While I'm grateful for technology to keep people connected that can't physically come to a facility or need to be away, it's absolutely not like being in the building. Never will be. Yes, church on the sofa is nice. But it'll never be the same as church in the sanctuary. We look forward to seeing everyone in church.

### "God's Kiss"

Psalm 85:10 says: *"Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other."* Do we welcome God's kiss...?

#### 1) Do I acknowledge God's PLUMB LINE?

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer." Amos 7:7-8

#### 2) Do I adopt God's PURPOSE?

<sup>7</sup> In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ. Ephesians 1:7-9

#### 3) Do I accept God's PROPHET?

<sup>17</sup> Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested... He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man... <sup>21</sup> Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." <sup>23</sup> And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. <sup>25</sup> At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. Mark 6:17-28