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### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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**\*\* NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
**9:00 am Adult study**  
**10:00 am Worship**

# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## "Jesus Understands"

**For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, Colossians 2:9**

In order to relate to us on every level, the Bible says that Jesus experienced "every detail of human life. Then, when He came before God as [our] High Priest' He would have already experienced' all the pain, all the testing 'and' be able to help" (Hebrews 2:17-19). So Jesus knows where you are at today. **1) He understands your sense of inferiority.** He came from a disreputable little backwater town where people had no use for Him. Listen: 'He came to his own, they did not want him' (John 1:11). Even when Philip said, "We've found the One Moses wrote of, Jesus from Nazareth!" Nathanael said, 'Nazareth' You've got to be kidding!" (John 1:46). And Jesus' family tree was nothing to write home about either! Rahab was a prostitute, Jacob was a crook, David was an adulterer and a murderer - to name just a few. **2) He understands when you feel overwhelmed.** Listen: 'Crowds were coming and going so Jesus did not even have time to eat' (Mark 6:31). Sound familiar? Not only did He have to deal with the public, He also had to organize, train and correct His own followers, including a bunch of uneducated fishermen, a bigot, and a hated tax collector. **3) He understands your family problems.** Once when Jesus was preaching His family said, 'He's out of His mind' (Mark 3:21). Now, things may not be great in your family, but chances are they do not consider you certifiable! The truth is - Jesus understands. He knows exactly where you are at today and He is able to help. So talk to Him!

**Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.**

**Hebrews 2:18**

Are you tired of all the demands? Jesus understands: 'Great crowds came, the lame, blind, crippled, those who could not speak, and He healed them' (Matthew 15:30). But the other side of the equation is: "while it was still dark, Jesus went to a lonely place, where He prayed" (Mark 1:35). Jesus understood this timeless principle: you can only make withdrawals as long as you keep making deposits. Are you disappointed in people? Jesus understands. Remember, Judas sold Him out then sealed the deal with a kiss! Even in His darkest hour, Gethsemane, His own disciples could not stay awake with Him for one hour. (See Matthew 26:40). Have you been unfairly blamed? Jesus understands. They accused Him of being a "lush, a friend of the riffraff" (Matthew 11:19). Up until the time of His death they were still trying "to find something false, so they could kill Him" (Matthew 26:59). And Jesus said: "The servant is not greater than his lord" (John 15:20). When you decide to follow Jesus, you are signing up for a life of blessing and adversity, they go together! So why did Jesus go through these things? Listen: 'Since He Himself has gone through suffering, He is able to help us...' He walked the path you are on today so that you could go to Him, knowing He understands and "is able to help..." Not only is He able, He is willing. Talk to Him!

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for being with me and standing by me through all the good and the bad. In Your Precious Name, Amen

## October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship— COMM	4	<b>5</b> 10:00 am PUSH	6	7	<b>8</b> 9:30 am POW Bible Study Zoom and Living Word	9
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## October Celebrations



**October 3** John Bucka  
**October 3** Petra Wasilkoff  
**October 5** Barbara Erjavec  
**October 5** Alexis Gawlik  
**October 11** Jill Goebel  
**October 21** Hank Kalis  
**October 21** Carolyn Wagenaar  
**October 24** Russ Kalis  
**October 25** Ashley Meier  
**October 25** Pastor Lee



**Oct 8** Dave Holloway  
**Oct 9** Joe Urbank  
**Oct 19** Luke Sefcik  
**Oct 23** Tommy DiGrazia  
**Oct 24** Noah Hostert  
**Oct 25** Benjamin Bonnar  
**Oct 26** Renate DiGrazia  
**Oct 31** Dale Johnson

### Anniversary



**Oct 10** Abby & Bill Merchantz

## Stewardship Snapshot

### September 26th

**21 Worshipped**  
**2 Watched DVD's**  
**11 Watched Online**  
**34 Total**

#### Financial Support

2,195.00 General Fund  
 60.00 African Radio Ministries Mission  
**2,255.00 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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## Community Events

**Today, October 3rd, from 2:00-3:30 in this afternoon**, thousands of people who recognize God's voice saying "choose life" will take that message to the streets. They will stand silently side-by-side, holding signs that give truthful but loving warnings and exhortations that **Abortion Hurts Women**, **Abortion Kills Children**, **Adoption: the Loving Option**, **Jesus Forgives & Heals**, and **Life-The First Inalienable Right**. **There are no graphic pictures.**

Please join them this year as they pray and witness to God's warning, "Choose Life, that you and your descendants will live"! We thank God for you as you continue to defend the life of the unborn and rescue the lives of their mothers.

Life Chain is open to all who wish to join them, the Chain will be located along 159th Street in Tinley Park and Orland Park, between Harlem Ave. and 80th Ave. It is a participation through the local churches. With our help in organizing our congregation, they will be more able to bring the 'choose life' message to our community. If you plan on attending, please arrive by 2:00pm to pickup the signs and find a spot.



## 10-3-21 Message Outline

### ***"Fruitful Vines & Olive Shoots"***

Psalm 128 says: *"Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table."*

#### **1) My relationships were planted in creation COMMITMENT.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ...But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." <sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Genesis 2:18, 20b-24

#### **2) My love grows from Christ's COMPASSION.**

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup> "What did Moses command you?" he replied. <sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." <sup>5</sup> "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. <sup>6</sup> "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." <sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them."

Mark 10:2-14a

#### **3) My family bears fruit through Church COMMUNION.**

<sup>11</sup> Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. Hebrews 2:11

*"God sets the lonely in families."*

Psalm 68:6

## Important Information

**UPDATED MASKS REQUIREMENTS:** we will have to require masks now. We would still like to offer communion at the altar and pre-portioned communion for those who wish to stay at their seat. If you go up for communion you can pull your mask down to receive the sacraments. Diana has this posted on Facebook and our website. I have posted the new signs at the door and it will also be in the newsletter. As always for you safety, we still have extra masks and hand sanitizer available in the fellowship as you enter, in case you don't bring one from home. Hopefully, this will be short termed, but your safety and health will always be our main concern.



## Mission of the Month

**MISSION OF THE MONTH** for September, was the African Radio Ministries, we collected \$60.00 for them, thank you so much for your generosity. **For October**, we will be collecting skeins of yarn, fleece and material for Vitas Healthcare and Hospice. They are a local healthcare facility for seniors and pediatric patients located in Tinley Park and they are looking to collect these items for volunteers to make robes, blankets, draw string bags, for their patients. There will be a box on the table for those who wish to drop of any yarn that they may have or if you would like you can always make monetary donations and we can either send that to them or go and purchase yarn from the Dollar Tree or Walmart. They are also looking for volunteers to knit, sew or crochet these items for their patients as well, so if you have any spare time, I know not many of us do, but even if it is only one or two items, they would be very grateful. They are available for their patients 24/7/365.

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## Church News

**FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM!** The transition team had met with Pastor LaBoube last Monday evening over Zoom, and once Pastor Kass returns from his vacation and lets them know if he would like to pursue this endeavor, they will schedule a meeting with him, they will have more information for us within the next week or two.

**DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK** *Do everything without complaining and arguing - Philippians 2:14 (NLT)*

When you have committed yourself to following God's leading, go all-in. Don't second-guess God's direction (you do have time in God's Word and prayer, and close Christian friends to help you discern His direction, right?) or negatively compare your assignment to that of someone else. Instead, ask God in prayer for the strength to remain faithful in His service, and do not lose heart when results are not immediate.

## Zoom Bible Class

**POW (People of the Word) Bible Study** is in the middle of their two week break and will continue meeting on Friday, October 8th at 9:30am starting the study on the Parables. For those who want to start fresh with their new study on the 8th can meet here with the group or you can join the class on Zoom. Each Thursday, I will email the link for that Friday's class so all you need to do is to click on the link to join. The parables study will last till the Advent season, and then for an Advent study they chose to read "Our Hope Has Come". Please see me or call the office if you would like to join, that way we can order books for you. Not only will you gain some insight with these bible study classes, but you will have fun doing so at the same time. **Please see below for the Zoom info for the Bible study on October 8th.**

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

Password is Church@1990!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81494277652pwd=Qms0WkFzcWt0bldFa2hZdUhDTG1ydz09>

Meeting ID: 814 9427 7652 Passcode: 668781

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**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.

HOW COME THESE GUYS  
KEEP ASKING JESUS  
HARD QUESTIONS?



THEY'RE CHECKING HIM OUT.  
THEY DON'T THINK HE'S  
CREDIBLE. HE DIDN'T  
GO TO THE RIGHT SCHOOLS  
OR READ THE RIGHT  
BOOKS...



HA HA! THAT'S  
FUNNY!  
JESUS IS THE  
RIGHT BOOK!




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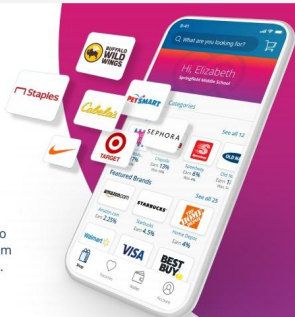
## Donation Opportunities

**NEW EARNING OPPORTUNITIES** Diana will have more ways for us to help raise money for our church just by doing our Christmas shopping, birthday shopping or buying gift cards for other happy occasions. With a mobile app, RaiseRight or the website ShopWithScrip, you can purchase gift cards for your friends, family, and even yourself and they will donate 3% of the sales to our church, I have screenshots from Diana below just to give you an idea of what it will look like, but she will also have all of this up on our website and Facebook page, and once the account gets set up, our unique code to use in order for the 3% is **YL5M6W4APYDX**. This is the most safe and secure way to buy gift cards these days, trust me, I was a victim of the money on a gift card being used by criminals. Even though I had the card in my possession, a day after it was given to me, the money was already gone, and it took me several calls and emails and a bunch of paperwork, and about 6 months later I was able to receive a replacement gift card with my name on it and for me to set up a pin on the card. Still be as generous as you always are, just be aware to do it safely and securely. Diana has copies of the images below with the special code to use on the desk next the office.

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*Jen H., earns for hockey*



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