



All Saints Day

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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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"All Saints' Day: The History & Traditions Behind the Holiday"

Every year on November 1, many Roman Catholics and other Christians around the world observe All Saints Day, which honors all saints of the church deemed to have attained heaven.

In the Eastern Orthodox Church, All Saints Day is observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Here's a look at the history and traditions of this holy holiday.

Where All Saints' Day came from

While now observed in November, All Saints' Day was originally celebrated on May 13, although the origin cannot be traced with certainty, according to Encyclopedia Britannica. Pope Boniface IV formally started what would later be known as All Saints Day on May 13 in 609 AD when he dedicated the Pantheon in Rome as a church in honor of the Virgin Mary and all martyrs.

The current date of November 1 was established by Pope Gregory III during his reign (731-741 AD) when he dedicated a chapel in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica in honor of all saints.

While this celebration was originally limited to Rome, later in 837 Pope Gregory IV ordered the official observance of All Saints Day every November 1 and extended its celebration to the entire Church.

All Saints really means ALL saints

While many canonized saints are celebrated with their own individual feast days (such as St. Patrick), saints that have not been canonized have no particular holiday. All Saints' Day recognizes those whose sainthood is known only to God. Even so, Catholic observances tend to focus on known saints, those canonized by the Catholic Church.

A holy obligation

According to Catholic Online, within the Catholic Church, All Saints' Day is generally considered a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics must attend Mass unless they are prevented by illness or another sufficient excuse.

However, mass is not mandatory in 2021 because the holiday falls on a Monday. Whenever Nov. 1 falls on a Monday or a Saturday adjacent to the Sunday sabbath, Catholics are encouraged but not required to attend mass.

After the Protestant Reformation, many Protestant sects kept All Saints' Day. Methodists, for example, acknowledge it as a day of giving God earnest gratitude for the lives and deaths of saints, according to Christianity.com.

Observances around the world

Although not a public holiday in the US, All Saints' Day is observed publicly in many countries.

In France and Germany, people have the work day off and businesses are closed. In countries like the Philippines, where All Saints Day is known as "Undas," the day isn't just for remembering the saints, but for honoring and paying respects to departed loved ones, usually with prayers, flowers, and good offerings.

This Week at Living Word

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 2:00 am Fall Back 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship—COMM	8	9 10:00 am PUSH	10	11	12 9:30 am POW Bible Study Zoom and Living Word	13

November Celebrations

 Nov 14 Karen Lange	 Nov 9 Jill Goebel Nov 10 Dayna Hann	 Nov 12 Michael & Nikki Miklos
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Stewardship Snapshot

October 31st

16 Worshipped
2 Watched DVD's
13 Watched Online
31 Total

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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Living Word Endowment Fund

LIVING WORD ENDOWMENT FUND (as of 10/31/2021)

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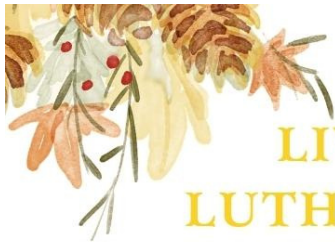
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To Date:	Total contributions	\$84,980.73
	Market value over cost	46,909.06
	<u>Dividends and interest</u>	<u>41,187.19</u>
	Total market value	\$173,076.98

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Thanksgiving Service



Join us for service
Wednesday, November 24th
at 5:30 pm
in person or streamed live
on our Facebook page and
YouTube Channel



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS That time of year is fast approaching, and just wanted to give everyone a heads up that we are still in need of lights for our Christmas tree again this year. We did receive several donations from our members and their friends last year, but if you happen to have any to spare, we can still put them to use. We are looking to decorate the church after service on Sunday, November 28th, which happens to be the first Sunday of Advent. Please plan on staying for a short while after service to help us with decorating. The more people we have, the less time it will take to make our church festive looking for the blessed season. Plus I'm sure we will have some extra goodies and refreshments for everybody's hard work, decorating can really work up an appetite, lol.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY will always be available and ready to go if we have any children in attendance at church. Ms. Diana will always have a short lesson planned and as many of you know, she is always here and ready to go, and will hold class Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 9:45. Please let anyone you know that might be interested in having children have fun learning about Jesus, and maybe doing a craft or two. Another opportunity for growth for our church.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE has been scheduled. We emailed a survey form to everyone, the options are 11:00 am Wednesday, November 24th, 5:30 pm Wednesday, November 24th or 10:00 am Thursday, November 25th. The time that was most voted for was 5:30pm on Wednesday the 24th. We will have it in person along with being livestreamed on YouTube and our Facebook page. Please feel free to share this information with your family and friends. We look forward to being able to worship together for this blessed holiday this year.

ORLAND PARK CHRISTMAS TREE for Living Word will be up and available to decorate that week as well. Please see Diana if you are able to help her and would be able to donate any decorations. We are hoping our little elves will have much better weather this year.



11-07-21 Message Outline

"A New Song"

Psalm 149 says: "Sing to the Lord a new song...!"

1) We sing about our new **SALVATION**.

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb..." ¹⁷ The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'" Revelation 7:9a, 10, 17

2) We sing about our new **SIGHT**.

³ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 1 John 3:1-3

3) We sing about our new **SPIRIT**.

⁵ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:1-12

The Lord's mercies are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!

Jeremiah 3:22-23

Mission of the Month

MISSION OF THE MONTH - For all of October, we had collected yarn, fleece and material for Vitas Healthcare and Hospice. They are a local health-care 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, prayer shawls and other miscellaneous items for their patients. There were boxes on the table for those who had items to be dropped off, and we had collected \$80.00 in monetary donations, which we will also take to them, since we have had so many yarn donations. 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 for only one or two items, they would be very grateful. They truly have been excited about Diana con-

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tacting them and they're looking forward to anything that we can do for them. They are available for their patients 24/7/365. Thank you so much for all of the yarn from Joan Tinich, and the monetary support that we had collected from others, they are going to be so happy!



Updates from past Missions of the Month

REDEEMING LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES had sent us an update regarding zoning issues in Carpentersville. Please keep them in your prayers for their new endeavors in the new location which is actually closer to their host congregation, God does know what is best for all of us. This is only a minor setback, but they are hoping to have more room and space. Dear Pastor & Elaine,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus!

I am writing you today to give you an **another update on the Redeeming Life Maternity Home expansion into the NID**. We've spent many months trying to overcome zoning issues related to purchasing the parsonage from Faith, Carpentersville. A capable team of professionals and experts rolled up their sleeves and spent many hours trying to make things work. We did our very best and, in the end, the terms were not acceptable for the long-term operation of a home in that location. After much prayer and many hours of discussion, we have made the hard decision to pursue a different location. **We KNOW that the Lord has a plan! Very soon after making the decision to seek another location, a new opportunity presented itself in East Dundee, closer to our host congregation.** Please pray God's will be done and that He guide our steps in every possible way as we consider this new location.

Praise God for all that has been accomplished! Our initial fundraising goal for the purchase and renovation of a maternity home in Illinois is \$350,000. As of today, you have raised over \$248,000. The passion and commitment from everyone in Illinois to serve pregnant women in crisis is so inspiring! Hundreds of man-hours have been spent by many Pastors, Advocates, and volunteers hosting and organizing dozens of events to share information, build awareness, and raise funds for this project. It is overwhelming and humbling to think how God has brought us together to change and save lives in Illinois. **From the bottom of my heart, thank you!!**

As we work to secure the location, **we continue to raise awareness regarding Redeeming Life and to raise funds.** **Deaconess Lori Trinche is available to you** to do a chapel talk, discuss fundraising opportunities, present at your LWML gatherings or attend a conference. You can reach Lori at lori@rlom.org or 630-665-5238.

Advocates are the maternity home "A-Team!" An advocate is a person who is passionate about the maternity home ministry, willing to attend 3 or 4 virtual meetings each year, keep their congregation informed and engaged with the maternity home, and help garner financial support for the ministry. If you don't already have an advocate in your congregation, please prayerfully consider who might be willing to fill this important role in your congregation. Anyone interested can sign up online at www.rlom.org/expansion under the advocate section.

Again, please keep this project in your prayers! Ask the Lord to reveal His will that we can quickly be serving women and children who so desperately need to experience His love and support *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."* Matthew 7:7 (ESV)

With Hope & Joy, Sheryl

Cheyenne came to live at Redeeming Life's Florida maternity home this past July. She was hoping to find a safe, stable home for herself and her unborn child. She felt the program was a good match for her because of the structure, guidance and accountability it provided. Cheyenne says that she has grown as a woman, mother and Christian during her time in the home. What she appreciates most is the love, support, and personal relationships she has developed as a result of this ministry.

Cheyenne is looking forward to starting her new job as a move-in coordinator for a local retirement community. She loves people and is excited about serving seniors in this unique capacity.

Pastor & Elaine, thank you for joining us in mission to share Jesus' love with women and children like Cheyenne & Remi!

Remi Christina



Born August 24, 2021
7 lbs. 4 oz. | 19" long

Baptized October 3, 2021

We also had received a postcard from one of the residents from their maternity home in Florida. Isn't she just so cute and precious. There are so many women who need these homes and the guidance and spiritual leadership to give them the help support they need in order to have a fulfilling life for not only themselves, but for their children. As you can see they are so very thankful for all the support we have shown them in the past.

Church News

FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM! The transition team had received the information for Pastor Lesemann from the district, and they have a meeting scheduled with him tonight at 6:00 pm.

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK *A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. - Acts 2:43 (NLT)*

Do you see the supernatural power of God moving in and through your life, in and through the lives of believers around you? That's what we are called to. But many of us don't trust God enough to offer to pray for the needs of others, as Peter and John did here, and so don't get to see God answer those prayers. Remember: God is calling us to move in His power, and He will bring glory to His Name, and people will be in awe of him.

FRIDAY Zoom Bible Class

POW (People of the Word) Bible Study started meeting again on Fridays, at 9:30am starting the study on the Parables. We are now using the same link every Friday for the Zoom portion of the class. Going forward, I will still email this link to everyone on Thursdays, so it would be very easy for you to find the email with the link. 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 November 12th.**

The zoom email is LWLCmedia@yahoo.com

Password is Church1990

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81985492272pwd=MS9wRkllWmFKQnQvdKx5ZjhXSkZodz09>

Meeting ID: 819 8549 2272 Passcode: 985490

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SUNDAY Zoom Bible Class

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Study will be heading into the technology era, hoping that the technology lets them that is. Pastor Lee will doing his Bible study on Sunday mornings via Zoom and in person. Starting today, you can also join via Zoom, and hopefully there will not be any issues. Study begins at 9:15 am and ends at 9:55 am. We will be using the same link every Sunday for the Zoom portion of the class. Going forward, I will email this link to everyone on Fridays, so it would be very easy for you to find the email with the link. Please see me or Pastor Lee or call the office if you would like to join, we can give you the information that you will need for Zoom. 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 November 7th.**

The zoom email is LWLCmedia@yahoo.com

Password is Church1990

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88119515552pwd=UWZkS2VacZyOEhQWnlTeC9zdDVuQT09>

Meeting ID: 881 1951 5552 Passcode: 429629

Join Zoom Meeting—One tap mobile

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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 your 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.

Things to Remember



DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!! WE WILL BE GETTING AN EXTRA HOUR THIS WEEK.

Donation Opportunities

NEW EARNING OPPORTUNITIES Diana has 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. Samples of the flyers are located on the next page.

AMAZON SMILE ACCOUNT is also another earning opportunity for us, the link for that is on our website, and all you have to do is click on the link on our Facebook page and it will take you right into Amazon and link it to our account. Another easy and safe way to shop during these unprecedented times. Have fun shopping and help us continue to earn money all at the same time. So don't delay, get a head start on your Christmas shopping this year with these two great opportunities. So have fun shopping this holiday season while staying warm and dry and also safe inside and helping us earn money.

HONEY SUNDAY is returning to Living Word this year. We will be holding the Honey Sunday on November, 14th. For each bottle of honey, there is a \$10.00 fee, 30% of the proceeds will be returned to Living Word, and 70% will be donated to the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Please call me with any orders that you would like to place because if you place the order online, we will not receive the 30%. Please see the bulletin inserts inside of your worship folders for the order forms.



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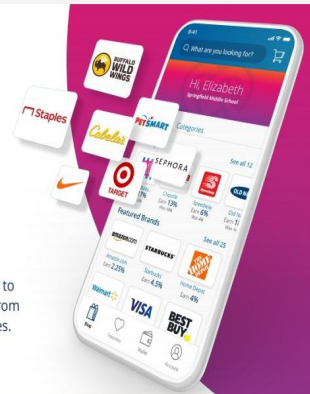
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Jen H., earns for hockey

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Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS DIANA!! Living Word Lutheran Church had won FIRST PLACE in the Ourchurch.com Website Challenges for the month of October. And this wasn't the first time that we won this award, which is a \$50 credit towards our bill for having the giving page and website security. Diana has been doing a great job getting our name out there and being recognized as one of the top churches in Orland Park. Please join me in giving Diana a big round of applause for all of her hard work and dedication to our church and working around all the glitches with technology has to bring.

MORE NEWS

WE WILL HAVE AN ANGEL TREE once again in the corner of our fellowship hall. We will be putting the tree up this Sunday and Diana will be putting all of the "ANGELS" on the tree. Items will need to be here at church by Sunday, December 5th, as we need to have everything at the Village of Orland Park by Tuesday, December 7th. Please see Diana for more details, and I will also be including the names and items in the newsletter. She will be mentioning this every week in her announcements.

KITCHEN DONATIONS NEEDED! In the upcoming weeks when you are doing your grocery shopping, we will be needing to replenish our kitchen. Items needed will be some coffee, cookies, sugar or dry creamer and other goodies. We don't need much, but what donations we have gotten, have been consumed. So it will be time to restock soon. Thank you!