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Please call  
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Word may live in others.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  
Mon - Fri 9 am - 2 pm

**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 About Jesus"

*Hebrews 3:1-6 - Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a Son. And we are His house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope. The letter to the Hebrews is a great lead-in to Lent. By the start of the third chapter, the writer has confirmed Jesus' supremacy, His position as God's only Son, His role as Creator of the universe, His place at God's right hand, His achievement as the Founder of our faith, and His superiority to the prophet Moses, which for the Jews was a hard, if not impossible, act to follow (see Hebrews 1-2).*

The letter to the Hebrews has much more to say as well. It exhorts us to be mindful of God as He speaks to us. "Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, 'Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness.' ... But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ... For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 3:7-8, 13; 4:15-16).

As we begin Lent next week, our thoughts are drawn to what God has done for us in Jesus through His life, death, and resurrection. Jesus has become "the Source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9b). "For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). This is the saving work we honor and stand in awe of during Lent.

Jesus has done it all for you and for me. Jesus, "who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2b). He is our Lord and Savior, our Victor over the powers of darkness, our Shepherd who leads us unto life eternal.

This is the Jesus we set our eyes on during Lent—God's Son who has been faithful in all things.

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:20-21).


## This Week at Living Word

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>27</b> 9:15 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b> 10:00 am PUSH	<b>2</b> 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 am POW Bible Study Zoom and Living Word	<b>5</b>

## February Celebrations



**Feb 28** Catie Lyons  
**Feb 29** Michelle Boehm



**Feb 28** Petra Wasilkoff

## March Celebrations

<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p> <b>March 7</b> Pat Johnson  <b>March 14</b> Diana Motel  <b>March 19</b> Bobbi Pote         </p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p> <b>March 1</b> Pam Hostert  <b>March 1</b> Russ Tinich  <b>March 4</b> Delores Urbank  <b>March 10</b> Gary Meier  <b>March 14</b> Matt Meier  <b>March 15</b> Anita Meier  <b>March 18</b> Ashley Meier  <b>March 22</b> David Merchantz         </p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p> <b>March 25</b> Donna &amp; Peter Wasilkoff  <b>March 28</b> Pat &amp; Dale Johnson         </p>
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## Stewardship Snapshot

### February 20th

**21** Worshipped  
**2** Watched DVD's  
**16** Watched Online  
**39** Total

#### Financial Support

2,180.00 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.

## Contacts

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# MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10:00 am PUSH	<b>2</b> <b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b>  6:00 pm Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  9:30 am POW Bible Study  Zoom and Living Word	<b>5</b>
<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  Zoom and Living Word	<b>12</b> 
<b>13</b> 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 am PUSH  7:00 pm Council Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>  9:30 am POW Bible Study  Zoom and Living Word	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship— COMM  First Day of Spring	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 am PUSH	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  9:30 am POW Bible Study  Zoom and Living Word	<b>26</b>
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## Mission of the Month

**FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH** is David's Harp Foundation. Please see the information below for their outreach program and mission. This can also be found on our website and the bulletin board.



David's Harp is an outgrowth of the work and development of St. Paul's Music Conservatory in Council Bluffs, IA. In 2009, St. Paul's Lutheran Church established a formal music conservatory in order to raise up church musicians and proclaim the Gospel through music. This manner of music education was well received by the congregation and community alike. Over time, this conservatory not only grew but has become a center of music education within the Council Bluffs community and has developed resources specifically for use in the parish based music conservatory. Having positive reception from across the synod, the leadership of SPMC has entertained interested ministry leaders from all across the country seeking to establish similar forms of outreach in their own context. Seeing that the work of the local conservatory, resource development, and collaboration with leaders from across the country would be too much for one parish to effectively handle, the leadership of SPMC called for help and created a new organization called David's Harp. The mission of this entity is simple: Produce music resources and produce centers of musical development around the world.

**David's Harp, through its resource development and centers of music education care deeply about the following:**

**MISSIONS** Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

**OUTREACH** Reaching into communities and neighborhoods that surround our churches, schools and mission sites all over the world with the message of Christ.

**EDUCATION** Catechizing all ages in the faith through the rich hymns of the Lutheran Church.

**YOUTH** Teaching even the youngest among us in every community as we bring them up in the faith.

**MUSIC** Using the enormous power of music as the vehicle for all of this.

David's Harp believes that the Lutheran church is well-positioned for intentional outreach through music. Through strategic planning and collaboration in the areas of resource generation and the establishment of centers of music, David's Harp will support the Synod's churches, schools and missions in spreading the Gospel. Music centers in the foreign mission field are indeed realistic! In fact, music is often one of the most effective ways of connecting people who find themselves specifically in the mission field. In a foreign mission context, the church often competes with the influence of different strains of Christianity and different forms of paganism. Music helps lead a community into a culture that is not only Christian, but truly Lutheran! The best and most practical summary of that Lutheran culture is found in our liturgy and hymns. Having that music preserved in a hymnal which is used and taught regularly further facilitates faithful worship and a rich sacramental life. Music in a foreign context also carries the culture of the Church to places where pastors are denied access. A music studio or conservatory, for example, may be permitted when a church is not. A music teacher may be able to travel where a pastor or missionary cannot. And sacred music itself, especially recorded music, may find its way through the Internet or on the airwaves to places no missionary can enter. All of these are ways music centers can benefit the mission field.

**THANK YOU CARD AND LETTER RECEIVED** from LCMS Life Ministry. It reads: *"Dear Cherished Members of Living Word, Greetings in Christ. We thank you for the generous donation to LCMS Life Ministry. We thank you for continued prayers and for bringing to light the life needs of those in your community. Please know that we pray regularly for our congregations."* Its signed, *Blessings to all at Living Word, Kris.* The actual card with the letter inside of it can be found on the bulletin board next to the office.

**EASTER BASKET TIME!** Now that it will be March, the mission of the month is the Village of Orland Park. Specifically making and putting together Easter baskets for the children of the under privileged families of the Orland Park township. So when you are out shopping at the Dollar stores and see coloring books, play dough, crayons, stickers or anything like that, pick up a couple of items so we can make Easter baskets for the boys and girls of Orland Park Township. Joan Fraser and her daughter have been doing these for the community for several years now, and we thought it would be a terrific and cute group effort once again for this year.

## Important Information

**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 their 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 from 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. There is nothing like fellowship time among some of your closest friends that share the same beliefs as you do!

**UPDATED MASK MANDATES** Following Governor Pritzker's decision to lift the mask mandates on February 28th, starting with our Ash Wednesday service, we will go mask optional. If you prefer to keep your mask on during service, please feel free to do so, however masks will not be required starting in March.

**2021 OFFERING STATEMENTS** are now available and in the box on the desk located next to the office. Please review carefully and notify us of any discrepancies that you may encounter.

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are ready and available for you to pick up on Sunday. They are located on the desk next to the office.

## Zoom Bible Study

**SUNDAY MORNING Bible Study** will be on Zoom. We will have a dedicated 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 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 February 27th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81525714044?pwd=amJyS3NaUWR3NG5wRXpGbXBSRTNHdz09>

Meeting ID: 815 2571 4044    Passcode: 648090

Join Zoom Meeting—One tap mobile

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Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

**POW (People of the Word) Bible Study** will wrap up their study on the Parables this past Friday. We are going back to individual links every Friday for the Zoom portion of the class. I will email the following link to everyone on Thursdays, so it would be very easy for you to find the email with the link in your inbox. 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. They will begin their next study for Lent. "*Surrounded By Grace*" study next Friday. If you would like to join them, please call Donna or the church, so you can get a book sent out to you. **Please see below for the Zoom info for the Bible study on March 4th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082548626?pwd=aXFIZnFCc2djMktDL0Q0YkIPT0FMdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 8254 8626    Passcode: 055186

Join Zoom Meeting—One tap mobile

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## "Living Word Preschool"

**A NEED FOR OUR PRESCHOOL AGAIN** Please try to help us pass the word about our preschool throughout our community. January and the winter semester is upon us. We need to fill our church with the little ones and teach them the love and knowledge of Jesus and prepare them for kindergarten and grade school. Let all your friends and family know that enrollment is open online. We already have one student enrolled and a family just visited us this week.

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Registration is open!

Offering both a 5 day program  
with a 3 day option.

Click on our preschool tab to  
register or for more information

Call us with any questions or to  
schedule a tour at 708-403-9673

## Stewardship Updates

**ATTENDANCE TRACKING** Going forward starting with this year, we are trying to keep count of all those who watch the service online. If you could please either sign in with Facebook or very briefly comment at the time that you are watching, and if any are watching with you, we would greatly appreciate it. Also, if you happen to watch it during the week at a more convenient time, please just email us back saying that you had watched, and how many others had watched with you. This way you can get the credit for participating in the service and we can grow our attendance totals in order to reach our endowment fund goals. Thank you for helping us with this effort, again we greatly appreciate any help you can give.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT** During these very trying and difficult times, like all of us, the offerings for the church have also been suffering and are below the projected budget. Please help us and come to worship so that we can have better attendance totals and that we can reconnect with each other as we worship together. In doing so, we will be able to reach our goals for the endowment fund. Thank you as always for keeping us moving forward in these times.

**DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK** *There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. - John 3:18 (NLT)*

Believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord is the only way to eternal life, but also the only way to truly live successfully in the here and now. Once we accept that we can do nothing on our own to save ourselves, we become able to submit to the Holy Spirit's guiding in our daily life, knowing that we can do nothing on our own today that is not tainted by sin either. And, having trusted Jesus for our salvation, we are not judged by God when we recognize and confess our sins, but are freely and fully forgiven by Him.

## 2-27-22 Message Outline

### ***“Worship at His Holy Mountain”***

Psalm 99 says: *“Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain.”* Come worship at Zion, the place where God dwells...!

#### **1) Come worship at MOUNT NEBO.**

**34** Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, <sup>2</sup> all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.” <sup>5</sup> And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. Deuteronomy 34:1-5

#### **2) Come worship at MOUNT CALVARY.**

**3** Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. <sup>3</sup> Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. Hebrews 3:1-3

#### **3) Come worship at the Mount of TRANSFIGURATION.**

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) <sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” Luke 9:28-35

## VBS 2022

Living Word Lutheran Church

VBS 2022

July 25th-29th 9 to Noon

Closing Ceremony July 31st at 10am

Ages 3-11

**MONUMENTAL**  
CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

**VBS 2022—CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS** Diana has theme for VBS picked out and has already ordered the basic supplies and when it gets closer, and warmer especially, she will have her list of items that she will need for snacks and craft time. Everyone had so much fun here last year, that we already have three kids signed up. Thank you Diana for all of the hard work you put into this program for us and the children of our community. If you can help out a day or two during that week, please see Diana for more information. Even though its only February, we already have 16 kids signed up for it already.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be March 2nd at 6:00 pm in person and via livestream on our Facebook and YouTube. The worship link will also be emailed out to everyone who can not make it, as always please feel free to share the link with family and friends, don't forget to comment how many had watched for our attendance goals.

# Ash Wednesday Service

March 2, 2022  
6 pm in person and  
live streamed on our  
Facebook page and  
YouTube channel



**LIVING WORD EASTER EGG HUNT RETURNS.** The Easter Egg Hunt was such a huge success, Diana already has been planning the activity for this year. Hopefully since Easter is a little later this year, the weather will be just a little warmer and a little less windy, lol. Diana will be checking what supplies we have left from last year and will replenish them. We are hopeful to have more little hunters this year. If you are able to volunteer that morning please see Diana for details. Based on last year, if you can help out signing everyone in or spreading out all the eggs, would be greatly appreciated.

## Living Word Lutheran Church

# EGG

## Easter Egg Hunt

### Sunday, April 3rd

### 11:30 am

# HUNT

### Ages 1 to 13

### Registration is open!

