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**9:00 am Adult study**  
**10:00 am Worship**

# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## "Fishing Lessons"

**Lesson one: Invite Jesus into your boat.** That's the starting point! Always! Nothing has greater influence on your personal success than whether or not you have Jesus Christ in your life. By himself, Peter fished all night and caught nothing. But when he brought Jesus on board, he caught more fish than he had ever caught before. Now, Jesus never performed a miracle without a purpose. He always used His miracles to illustrate principles. So this incident teaches you what to do when you've failed, or when your best is not good enough. For Peter, his boat represented his livelihood. When you're a fisherman, your boat is your business! It's significant that Peter invited Jesus into his business, and Jesus used it as a platform for his ministry. Are you willing to do what Peter did? If you are, the Lord will bless your business. Indeed, He'll bless anything you give Him. If you give Him all your life, He will bless all of it. But if you give Him just part of it, He will bless just that one part. And here's another thought: having Jesus in your boat eliminates the fear of failure and reduces your worries about the results. When Peter made Jesus his fishing partner, the results were incredible. But don't miss the sequence. First, Peter used his boat for Jesus' purposes. Then Jesus blessed Peter's boat and used it to take care of all Peter's needs. Jesus said, *'Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need'* (Matthew 6:33). Did you get that? *'Everything you need.'*

**Lesson two: God is interested in your success.** Peter knew Jesus was a great teacher and that He could even heal the sick. What he was about to learn, however, was that Jesus wants you to succeed in your career. Peter probably had the best nets, owned a good boat, and knew exactly where to catch the most fish. And his income depended on a good catch. But after fishing all night and catching nothing, Peter made the best move of his life: he got Jesus involved in his business! Did you know that God wants you to succeed? Don't you want your children to succeed? So does God. The question is: do you take God to work with you? Is your business available to Him to use at any time? Is He able to minister to people through you? Too often we try to separate the secular from the spiritual; we have our Christian life nicely partitioned off from our career. But this prevents God from blessing your business or job. When you realize this, if you're wise you'll begin to operate according to the principles of Scripture. Here's one of God's success principles for your business or career: *'Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do'* (Joshua 1:8). God, who's the CEO of the universe, says: *'I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go'* (Isaiah 48:17). Today claim that promise!

**Lesson three: Cooperate with God's plan for your life:** *'He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking'* (vv. 4-6). Jesus taught the disciples where to fish, when to fish, and how to fish. And He will teach you how to succeed in life too. But like Peter, sometimes your plan has to fail before you become willing to accept God's plan. And if that's what it takes, God will let you fail. Notice two things: 1) Peter didn't argue with Jesus, he simply obeyed. As a professional fisherman, he may well have thought, *'Lord, who are you to tell me how to fish?'*

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## This week At Living Word

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>24</b>  9:15 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 am PUSH	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  9:30 am POW Bible Study Zoom and Living Word	<b>30</b>

## April Celebrations

		
<b>April 20</b> Ashley Regan <b>April 21</b> Jay Gabrielson <b>April 25</b> Peter Wasilkoff <b>April 27</b> Karen Grossart <b>April 28</b> Lara Wasilkoff	<b>April 22</b> Catie Lyons <b>April 28</b> David Holloway <b>April 28</b> Nicholas Bonnar <b>April 29</b> Tiffanie West	<b>April 27</b> Cathy & Ed Baidis

## Stewardship Snapshot

### April 15th—Good Friday

**14** Worshipped  
**2** Watched DVD's  
**19** Watched Online  
**35** Total

#### Financial Support

360.00 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.

### April 17th—Easter Sunday

**34** Worshipped  
**2** Watched DVD's  
**19** Watched Online  
**55** Total

#### Financial Support

3,430.00 General Fund Deposit  
 21.00 For Easter Lilies  
 3,451.00 Total General Fund Deposit

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**DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK** *When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" - John 5:6 (NLT)*

All of us are a work in progress, spiritually. As we continue to seek God, He brings to our attention another area of our lives where we are not yet aligned with His will and asks, "Would you like to get well?" As we move beyond our initial reaction (perhaps based on repeated failures) of "I can't," and listen to and obey God's direction, we will find that we can get well through God's power to change the way we think, speak and act. Where are you telling God "I can't" today? Of course you can't. But the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, and He can.

## Mission of the Month

**UKRAINIAN REFUGEE DONATION DRIVE** is our mission of the month for April as we had our community event here at church on Saturday, the 9th. As you already know we were able to buy a lot of needed items for the Ukrainian refugees. Bob Grossart went to the Walmart store in Orland Hills, they told him they couldn't give him a discount, but they did give him \$100 in gift cards. We had 4 tables full of stuff. Thank you to all that donated time, monetary donations, and/or items and especially for your prayers for the Ukrainian refugees. Help us help Ukraine in their greatest time of need. We really are "The Little Church That Cares!" Even though he had taken everything over to St. Peters and Pauls Church, we are still collecting items all month long. As you can see in the picture below, I have had two ladies dropped more items off here in the last two weeks and the one lady said that she knows a lady who is a nurse and will give her some more supplies to drop off here. One said she had seen our sign in the front, and the other had seen Diana's Facebook posts.



## St. Peters & Pauls Church



## 4-24-22 Message Outline

### ***"His Splendor"***

Psalms 148 says: *"The Lord's name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens."* God's splendor is amazing...!

#### **1) God's splendor was and is shown through His PEOPLE.**

<sup>12</sup> The apostles performed many signs and wonders...

Acts 5:12a

#### **2) God's splendor will be shown in Christ's "PAROUSIA".**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. <sup>7</sup> "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him."

Revelation 1:5b-7a

#### **3) God's splendor is ultimately shown by Jesus' PASSION.**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:19-31

### ***"Fishing Lessons"***

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He may even have thought if he didn't catch anything at night when the fish were usually biting, he surely wasn't going to catch anything in the middle of the day when the sun was glaring down on the water. But he didn't argue; he just obeyed. You must too. 2) He didn't listen to his feelings. No doubt he was dog-tired from working all night. But he didn't ask, 'What's the use? Why should I keep on going?' Instead of being led by his feelings, he exercised faith in the promise of Christ – and the results were amazing. And if you'll put your faith in Jesus today, He will do the same for you.

**Lesson four: God's plan for your life always involves risk.** Why? Because He wants you to live by faith. Why do you think Jesus said to Peter, 'Launch out into the deep'? Because that's where the big fish are. Most people live out their days in the shallow waters of life. They exist on a superficial level. There's little depth to their lives; they're content to play around the edge, never getting out into deeper water. Why? Because it's safer in shallow water. They think, 'If I get out into the deep water, there might be some waves. They might rock my boat, and it might overturn. So I'll just stay back here where it's comfortable, and fiddle around.' We barely get our feet wet because we're afraid of getting in over our heads. We think, 'If I really get serious about my commitment to the Lord, He may make me a fanatic. My family might get really upset. What will my friends think? What if God asks me to do something I'm unable to do?' So we're content to stay in the shallows – and we miss out on so much. Understand this: God's plan for your life is a *good* plan, one that will work for your benefit (see *Jeremiah 29:11-14*). He says, 'Let me get into your boat. Let my presence be with you wherever you go – in your business, in your career, in your family, in your marriage, in every area. Let me direct you. Cooperate with my plan, and I will bless you beyond your wildest dreams.' Why not take Him at His word today, and launch out in faith?

**A NEED FOR OUR PRESCHOOL AGAIN** Please try to help us pass the word about our preschool throughout our community. Now that we are heading into spring and summer, 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 last month. Diana has created a new flyer and registration form on our website. They have added more options for families, we will now have a 2, 3 and 5 day program for preschool. I know most of us don't have any little ones at home, but if you happen to know of anyone who does, please let them know about our website and that they can come and check out the church and classrooms at anytime.

## LIVING WORD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

# Registration is open!

Offering both a 5 day program  
with a 3 or 2 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

**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 in the attendance achievements for the endowment fund. Thank you as always for keeping us moving forward in these times.

### Sharing Information

**SHARE OUR POSTS!!** Please share our posts with all of your Facebook groups, it's a very small and easy thing to do and the results are so great. Diana has created an ad on Facebook for our preschool, if at all possible, please start sharing the updated information for the three different week day options for preschool and for the two different weeks that she is offering for the preschool summer primer. The same day she had created the ad on Facebook, she had already received comments and questions about the preschool, this should be a great way to reach more people.

## *"Living Word Early Education Program Summer Primer"*

**SUMMER PRIMER** is back and better than ever. Looking for a preschool, here's a chance to visit our Early Education Program see how much fun your child will have while learning about new and exciting things. There are two different weeks being offered this year.



## **LIVING WORD EARLY EDUCATION SUMMER PROGRAM**

### **Is your child registered for preschool yet?**

We still have some spots available for our early education program this coming school year. If you are still looking for a program for your child come check out Living Word's Early Childhood Education Program. Children will see just how much fun they will have in preschool this fall. Space is limited so register at <https://livingwordorland.org/preschool/>. For questions email us at [lwlcmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:lwlcmedia@yahoo.com) or call 708-403-9673

**When - Tuesday, May 31st - Thursday, June 2nd  
or Tuesday, August 2nd - Thursday, August 4th.  
From 9:00am-Noon**

**Where- Living Word Lutheran Church  
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Cost- \$40 a day**



## "Sunday Zoom Bible Study Classes"

**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 April 24th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84463741024?pwd=eEk3SGhGdmMrTFR4ZDU2MUZDcGdKQT09>

Meeting ID: 844 6374 1024 Passcode: 233870

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## "Friday Zoom Bible Study Classes"

**POW (People of the Word) Bible Study** has wrapped up their study on their "Surrounded by Grace" study for Lent on 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 as they start new studies. Not only will you gain some insight with these bible study classes, but you will have fun doing so at the same time. For next Friday, they will resume their study on the Parables. **Please see below for the Zoom info for the Bible study on April 29th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87168282919?pwd=Y09QOWxOUeJicFJweGUxRmZmczc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 871 6828 2919 Passcode: 421936

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## "VBS 2022"



**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. 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 April, we already have almost 30 kids signed up for it already.

## "May Mission of the Month"



**REDEEMING LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES** is the Mission of the Month for May again this year in honor of Mother's Day! CALLED TO PRESERVE LIFE God is leading Redeeming Life to expand in Illinois! Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and serves single, pregnant women and their unborn children. These women are often at-risk of homelessness, domestic violence, or choosing abortion. The home and property that they were opening in Carpentersville in the Northern Illinois District (NID) last year fell through. They are now fighting hard to get a property and home in East Dundee. They send us updates usually every month, below is the latest letter from them. Please join me in keeping them in your prayers and for those that are involved in the vote and decision making. The Maternity Home Steering Committee and LCEF are partnering with us to preserve life and share the love of Christ with vulnerable young women. Immanuel Lutheran in East Dundee led by Pastor Bill Yonker will be the official host congregation for this new location. This new maternity home will provide a safe, comfortable fully furnished home for the residents to live and thrive in and will be supervised by one full-time, live-in Manager. The residents will engage in self-directed learning and one on-one training with the help of a full-time Program Director. The expectant moms will learn necessary life skills including saving and budgeting, parenting, cooking, cleaning, connecting with others, and most importantly, connecting with God. Prayer, Bible study and worship are important components of the maternity home program. As a pro-life ministry, we walk alongside our mothers on their journey whether they plan to parent or lovingly place their baby for adoption. Every woman who calls Redeeming Life home will find help, love, and support. Please help make this new maternity home in Illinois a reality! No one can do everything, but every individual and congregation can do something! This type of project is very important as the lives of women and unborn children needs help and protection. Single pregnant women who lack safe, stable housing feel that abortion is their only option. Redeeming Life is a positive, pro-life maternity home that provides just-in-time resources to redeem the lives of women and babies.

Dear Pastor & Elaine,

Easter greetings! I hope you had a beautiful day celebrating the resurrection of Jesus our Lord.

I know it's been a while since you received an update about the purchase of property for the new maternity home in Illinois. **After nearly two years of planning and fundraising, we are waiting on a decision to give us permission to buy a property in Illinois!** I ask that you keep all those involved and the final decision in your prayers. I will be able to communicate more details in early May. Thank you for your continued support and patience!

### [LCMS Million Dollar Life Match Grant](#)

**Did you know that there is a unique opportunity to double the impact of your fundraising efforts for pro-life ministries like Redeeming Life?** By hosting an event that raises between \$1,000 and \$50,000, you can [apply for the grant](#) to receive a 100% match. Here's a link to the [application information .pdf](#) for your convenience. Phase 2 applications are due July 1, 2022.

**Please remember that Deaconess Lori Tranche is available to assist you.** As your local representative, she can speak to groups at your church and attend events to share information about the ministry. Lori can also offer fundraising ideas and help for your specific needs. Please contact her directly at [lori@rlom.org](mailto:lori@rlom.org).

I promise, you will be hearing from me in May with more news. Thank you for partnering with us to bring this home to life!

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