



IN TOUCH

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"Knowing Jesus is Everything"

When the young prince Solomon was to be crowned king of Israel, as David's anointed son and heir.. the Lord appeared to him.. and said to him, 'Ask for whatever you want Me to give you.' Solomon recalled that God, had dealt with his father David with lovingkindness and tender-mercy, and he also acknowledged that it was God Who had appointed him to be king in his father's place.

And so we read that this young man asked the Lord for wisdom and knowledge. He asked that God would be with him as he governed the people of Israel. He did not ask for fame, fortune, long-life or honor but recognized his lack of experience and requested wisdom to govern the people of God and knowledge to know what to do. Since he was about to become God's appointed ruler over His people Israel, Solomon asked for wisdom and knowledge so that he would be enabled to rule with integrity and grace - for who can rule this great people of Yours? was Solomon thoughtful response.

God was pleased with this humble request.. and because the young king did not ask for riches, wealth, longevity, honor, or the life of those who hated him.. the Lord not only granted his petition for wisdom and understanding, but added.. I will also give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings who were before you has possessed nor those who will come after you.

And so we read that Solomon's excelled in wisdom. God gave Solomon great wisdom.. very great discernment and a breadth of mind, that was like the sand that is on the seashore. Indeed his wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the sons of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. And here in Proverbs we read one of the many thousands of Solomon's prophetic, insightful and wise sayings : it is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

God in His eternal and infinite wisdom has chosen to share with the fallen race of finite humanity certain truths of His Person, His character, His purpose - and His plans for the redemption of mankind. He made us in His own image with a mind to think and a will to choose. He displayed His glory in the heaven above and the earth below.. He caused holy apostles and prophets of God to pen the Scriptures, which are profitable for our learning - for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness. And God in His grace sent Jesus to be the image of the invisible God, Who existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.

God in His grace has shown us many things, through nature, through our inner conscience.. and through His God-breathed Word.. but there still remains many secret things that are hidden from us within the created universe.. and there are many glorious truths that are hidden in the inerrant Word of God. And in His grace God gave us an enquiring mind and the capacity to investigate, to learn and to search out the truth - so that we can make sound judgements and give wise counsel.

Not all the mysteries of God can be searched out for He is infinite in wisdom and understanding.. and His ways are past finding out. We, on the other hand are finite creatures, who are incapable of being all-knowing, like our omniscient God. But in His grace He allows those that are prepared to search for Him with all their heart to discover a treasure trove of truth that is hidden beneath the surface of Scripture.. and in some cases are concealed within the physical, created realm - but we are reminded that we will find out truth, grow in grace and increase in wisdom as we search for Him with all our heart and soul and mind and strength - for it is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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for immediate prayers



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Word may live in others.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Fri 9 am - 2 pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:15 am Adult study
10:00 am Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 9:30 am POW Bible Study Zoom and Living Word	3
4 9:15 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship—COMM	5 Labor Day  Office Closed	6 10:00 am PUSH 5:00-6:00 pm Back to School Night	7 9:00 am—Noon 1st day of Preschool 	8 9:00 am—Noon Preschool	9 9:30 am POW Bible Study Zoom and Living Word	10
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September Celebrations

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Sep 8 James Boehm
Sep 17 David Merchantz



Sep 1 Jodi Kempke
Sep 12 Jeff Regan
Sep 14 Jennifer Lange
Sep 23 Jesse Meier
Sep 30 Dwight Hostert

Anniversary



Sep 4 Delores & Joe Urbank
Sep 6 Pam & George Hostert
Sep 12 Tami & Dan Folgers
Sep 19 Diana & Paul Motel
Sep 19 Lisa & Jeff Regan

Stewardship Snapshot

August 21st

24 Worshipped, 23 Communed

2 DVD

8 Watched Online

34 Total

Financial Support

2,825.00 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.

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TOT TIME is our new program where moms and their tots can come here once a month for playtime in the Dramatic Arts Area, make crafts and listen to a story. The first one is scheduled for Monday, October 17th from 9:30 to 11:00. Depending on the interest, Diana will decide to increase it to twice a month. Each month will be a different theme, based on the season, weather and holidays. This is going to help our preschool grow, please let anyone you know that might be interested in this program. It is opened up for 2 to 4 year olds, registration is required and will close 72 hours prior to the event.

TOT TIME




Living Word Lutheran Church

Tot Time

When - Monday, October 17th
From - 9:30 am - 11 am

Calling all tots! Living Word Lutheran Church in Orland Park is excited to announce a fun once a month program for 2 to 4 year olds. Children will get to play in a special themed area, make a craft and hear a story. Registration is required and closes 72 hours before the event.

A Simple Need

ATTENTION CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS We know that the past few years have been a struggle for our church. And of course, COVID happening in the midst of all of that hadn't helped greatly either. We ask that you pray for us, as you have been, but also we are asking that you are patient and if there is something that you are not happy with, and feel that your issues and concerns are not being handled in a timely fashion, please just take time to call one of us and we can sit down and try to address everyone's concerns. We know it would be very easy to just start worshipping at a different church, but that really doesn't help our long range goals. We all would love to see this church survive the setbacks that we have faced, and hopefully grow stronger from it as well, but it really does take all of us working together and believing in our faith that God is watching over us and He will not let us fail. He had His reasons why we had to wait a whole year to be able to reopen preschool again. He had to help Diana be able to receive her certificate for Early Childhood Education. And we all know how well that is turning out, with just a little help and the preschool being our Mission of the Month for August, there will be little ones learning about Jesus and preparing for kindergarten and having fun while learning new and exciting things. We just need to keep that type of faith for our church. We know that "We Are the Church That Cares" but it is time to start caring about our church and all that we had accomplished here over the years. The transition team has jumped over major hurdles and overcame many obstacles, and for the most part, they are all still willing to stick with it to see us through these rough and hard times. None of us really want to see this church close, but if we steadily keep losing members and especially attendance numbers, eventually and very unfortunately it will. We not only need God's help but we need your help as well. Thank you for everything that you have endured these past few years, we are closer to a better and brighter future than we have been, just a little longer is all we need. Just imagine the celebration we can have once we reach our goals for this church, our church, the church that cares. Thank to everyone who comes here every week, not only for worship, but to help out and take care of our property and volunteering their time. Not only does it save us money, but the property has never looked this great! As I said before, it will take all of us to keep this church going, we can only do so much alone, but together we can achieve almost anything. And if you can't make here in person on Sundays, we understand, that's why we livestream and send out the worship link every week. Please try to take time to watch online, and let us know how many had watched, it really helps.

WORSHIP LINKS are emailed out every Sunday after service. If you are unable to come join us in person for service, we totally understand, but if you have the capability of watching the service online, please do so. You can watch the livestream from YouTube or our Facebook page, or just click on the link that is emailed to you. Not only will it keep you connected to your church family, but it will also help us grow our attendance totals, which is very important, if we grow our church's attendance, either in person and virtually by 10% we will meet the requirement for the endowment fund to receive approximately \$20,000 or better. We are all struggling in these difficult times, but if we all work together, we will all prosper. Please feel free to share the links or watch with family and friends, kindly let us know how many had watched. Thank you for all your help!

Living Word News

TRANSITION TEAM will meet with Pastor Johnson from Christ Lutheran Church again this Wednesday, the 31st.

REDEEMING LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES has sent us a wonderful update this week. The Village Board of Trustees for East Dundee has granted approval for them to move forward with their plans for the new Redeeming Life Maternity Home. They will be closing soon on the property they will be purchasing, which has already been inspected and architectural drawings have been finalized for demolition and rebuild. The property has already been surveyed with the new property lines established and the vendors, tradesmen and suppliers have already been identified for the project. They will be ready to begin renovations on Day 1, which will be the day after closing. They are extending their heartfelt thanks and gratitude towards God and all those that have help supported them over the past couple of years. We will be getting more updates within the month.

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK *On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" - John 7:37-38 (NLT)*

What is your relationship to God like today? Are you thirsty for more of Him? Are you willing to admit that you need Him in every aspect of your life, that without Him you are like a person in desperate need of water? If not, today's a great day to recalibrate, to get back into a right relationship with your Lord and Master, that He would fill you with His living water, so that it can also flow through you to others.

“Not [Too] Proud?”

Psalms 131 says: “My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty.” Are we humble? Or are we too proud to listen to God...?

1) Am I too proud to let God be GOD?

²It is the glory of God to conceal a matter...

Proverbs 25:2

2) Am I too proud to let others be FIRST?

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. ⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Hebrews 13:1-4

3) Am I too proud to let Jesus be LORD?

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ²There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. ³Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. ⁵Then he asked them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?” ⁶And they had nothing to say.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 14:1-11

“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. 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 August 28th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88400203925?pwd=NytLZnlVL2dpUmdKUHBpYm5VQzI5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 884 0020 3925 Passcode: 978111

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“Friday Zoom Bible Study Classes”

POW (People of the Word) Parables Bible Study have resumed their studies on the Parables every Friday. Everybody is glad to get back into their study of the Parables. 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. All you have to do is click on the link and it will connect you to the group. 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. **Please see below for the Zoom info for the Bible study on September 2nd.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84958403030?pwd=N0xkdIZ3eUZYYmZ6S0JyeTB2cjFiZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 5840 3030 Passcode: 166914

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Mission of the Month

Preschool Starts Next Month



LIVING WORD EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM is the Mission of the Month for August. We have 5 students enrolled, 4 will start in September and the 5th one will start at the beginning of October when she turns 3. A few more said that they will be registering by midyear or even sooner, some are still working on potty training and others feel that they may wait just a few extra months, and a couple of others won't be turning 3 until later in the year. We received a call from another family just this week who had moved to the Orland area and are looking for a preschool for their youngest son. Help keep us opened till we get a larger class. You have been so supportive in previous years, the children will have an excellent year, Mrs. Diana has been working so hard over the summer, both rooms will be put to great use this year. She has the Dramatic Arts Play area all ready to show them new and exciting adventures, they will start off the school year either camping in tents and fishing in the pond, plus they will also be apple picking in the fall. I can't wait to see what will be their adventures the rest of the year! Please join with me in keeping our Preschool in your prayers. We have already seen how He has seen to us being able to open, it was just barely a few weeks ago, that Diana was afraid that she would have to make the heartbreaking decision to close once again. Thankfully, God knew that He just had to wait for her to be certified and be one of our best teachers yet. If you are unable to help financially, which is very understandable during these times, please see Diana as to what other types of items you might be able to donate to her class. She may need some bulletin board paper and some other miscellaneous items, please see her for what you can help out with. Also, I know this is way early to think about this, but she has already been thinking about scheduling the Christmas program again, I know that will be very special. Plus she has already posted her latest project, she will be having Tot Time with moms and their 2 year olds starting in October, see the ad in this newsletter that she posted on Facebook and our website. It has already been shared with many others and had received so many likes. Please make sure you log in and pass it to anyone you know that might have little tots at home.



Living Word Early Education Program

