



IN TOUCH

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"Calmly Waiting on God's Help"

The Egyptians chased the Jews who had just left slavery in Egypt. The Israelites were panic-stricken in the face of their enemies; **"They were terrified and cried out to the Lord."** Sometimes we feel the same way. We are saved by Jesus and reconciled forever with our Creator, but with some problems, with some medical reports, with some bills, we are in great fear. It doesn't have to be this way, because God will always help us.

GOD IS FIGHTING FOR US. WE CAN STAY CALM AND TRUST HIM.

To put it bluntly, but more seriously in the face of this reality: we live in this world where devils and demons fiercely fight against us, and we are (still) lacking the complete trust in God. This is a pity, but it's no reason to despair. We have our Bible, in which we can read and understand God, His nature and His work again and again and better and better. Let's not forget: Faith comes from hearing (reading) the good news (Romans 10:17).

So what happened to the Israelites roughly 3,400 years ago? This: **"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."** And the result of this quiet, calm trust in God? God divided the sea, His beloved children were able to flee, the enemies were destroyed. Do not forget this: **"The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name."** (Exodus 15:3; NIV)

YOU TOO CAN SAFELY TRUST YOUR GOD

You too can always rely on God's help as His beloved daughter or beloved son. Because God has not changed: **"Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."** (James 1:16-17; NIV)

Devils and man-made religion want to persuade us: *'God helps those who help themselves.'* But nothing is further from the glorious nature of God than this self-centered attitude. We believe that God will help us. God led His beloved Jews from slavery into the promised land flowing with milk and honey. God has guided you out of the world through Jesus and welcomed you into the land of rest of His kingdom whose citizens you have been since accepting Jesus as your Savior (Philippians 3:20)

TRUSTING IN GOD HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PASSIVENESS

Of course, we rely on our loving Heavenly Father. But let's also be clear: God has also given you your mind and common sense. Use it. Uh, yeah, of course. You read everything, don't you? Our task every day: to find the right balance, when and where and how to work with strategies that our mind recommends, and where we rest calmly in God's work. How do you do that? You pray through everything. You discuss everything with God. Ask Him for guidance. Ask Him for wisdom. Tell Him you don't want to do anything wrong and that you need His help and guidance. *"Show me, my God, when I need to do something and what I need to do."* Will this always work right away? Probably not. Is that bad? No. Keep going and don't forget: The most important part is always personal relationship with God. Continue building out your relationship with Him. And you will inevitably notice that everything is going better. This promise from God's Word is also for you: **"my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life"**

YOUR MISTAKES AND ERRORS DON'T SEPARATE YOU FROM GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU

Don't believe the devil's lie that you could make too many mistakes and get to a point where God won't help you anymore. You cannot make so many mistakes as to put an end to God's love and care. On the contrary. This is true: **"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."** "Even your mistakes, God will turn around for good. – So, what could go wrong? Place yourself more and more in the comfort of your loving and caring Heavenly Father. (Continued on page 6)

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Please call
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for immediate prayers



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Fri 9 am - 2 pm

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship-COMM	3	4 9:00am—12:00pm Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	5 9:00am—12:00pm Preschool	6 9:00am—12:00pm Preschool	7 9:30am POW Bible Study Zoom and Living Word	8
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Oct 3 John Bucka
Oct 3 Petra Wasilkoff
Oct 5 Barbara Erjavec
Oct 11 Jill Goebel
Oct 21 Carolyn Wagenaar
Oct 25 Ashley Meier
Oct 25 Pastor Steve Lee



Oct 8 Dave Holloway
Oct 9 Joe Urbank
Oct 24 Noah Hostert
Oct 26 Renate DiGrazia
Oct 31 Dale Johnson

Happy Anniversary



Oct 10 Bill & Abby
 Merchantz

Stewardship Snapshot

September 25th

20 Worshipped

2 DVD

14 Watched Online

36 Total

Financial Support for September 18th

2,290.00 General Fund Deposit

Financial Support for September 25th

1,100.00 General Fund Deposit

211.00 LSEM (Mission of the Month)

16,220.00 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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DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK *[Jesus said] "Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me!" - John 8:43 (NLT)*

Before we can recognize God's truth, we must hear it. Studying God's Word, praying transparently (pouring out all our fears, frustrations, and doubts as well as giving him our thanks and praise), getting in fellowship with other Godly Christians who are doing the same—these are some of the ways we can hear from God. Only then are we ready and able to repent and obey.

Opportunities to Connect with God

PUSH PRAYER meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to pray for our church, community and world. We welcome requests (call 708.403.9673) or visit our website to send in your prayer request, or join us for 30-40 minutes each week.

RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew** 8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD) , WPWR channel 50
 AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495
 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM



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

LWLC EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM is very excited to have their newest member join them this coming week. Please continue to share the pictures and updates that Diana posts, we still get a few calls regarding our preschool occasionally. We would love to have more new friends for our young students learning about the love of Jesus. Also, don't forget about Tot Time, she already has 4 or 5 little ones registered for this fun new activity for the younger children. I will be emailing some former preschool families that have younger children, just as a reminder of this exciting new event. Both of these learning opportunities for the children are also a great outreach to the community for our church and to help our preschool grow.



TOT TIME



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

Living Word Lutheran Church Tot Time

“Calmly Waiting”

Psalm 62:1 says: *“Truly my soul finds rest in God (GWN: “My soul waits calmly for God alone”); my salvation comes from him.”*

1) My soul waits calmly for God’s APPOINTED TIME.

“How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen...?”² Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.
Habakkuk 1:2 & 2:2-3

2) My soul waits calmly for God’s HOLY SPIRIT.

⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.
2 Tim. 1:7-10, 14

3) My soul waits calmly for God’s FORGIVENESS & FAITH.

³“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them.⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”⁶ He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.⁷ “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸ Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”
Luke 17:3-10

“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 October 2nd.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82789855613?pwd=c05sVFY2SUxMaDI4WDdQYStzTVVodz09>

Meeting ID: 827 8985 5613 Passcode: 848602

Join Zoom Meeting—One tap mobile

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“Friday Zoom Bible Study Classes”

POW (People of the Word) Acts Bible Study took this past Friday off, but will continue their study on Acts next Friday and they plan on an Advent study, “It’s a Wonderful Life”. Please let me know if you would like to join, that way we can order books for you as they start new studies. I will email the following link to everyone on Thursdays. All you have to do is click on the link and it will connect you to the group. **Please see below for the Zoom info for the Bible study on October 7th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85801943409?pwd=ZnV5ZjN5aTRvR09icHk2WjA5Nko1QT09>

Meeting ID: 858 0194 3409 Passcode: 862256

Join Zoom Meeting—One tap mobile

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Mission of the Month

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH was Lutheran Special Education Ministries. Our very generous congregation collected a total of \$211.00 to help with ensuring families a Christian education for their children with disabilities. Thank you all so much for your contributions. It will be very helpful for their students.

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH is Working on Wellness Foundation, which helps with mobility exercises among other benefits for patients with MS, Parkinson's, among other conditions. They will be providing us with weekly links for their exercise classes and promoting our church in those links as well. I watched their video and even though you can do them standing up or sitting down, it is a pretty good workout and is somewhat easy to do. Please see the flyers on the table next to the office for full details and let us know if you are joining in with the videos. This is a win-win for both them and us, and we just might get into better shape and health while we are helping out someone right in our community. We would like to thank George Hostert for his help in connecting our church with their foundation. The Working On Wellness Foundation provides online, seated exercise sessions, created and conducted by our experienced and certified instructors. Join them on YouTube: Each week, their channel will highlight a week of yoga, strength training, big movement, and general exercise sessions. You can do all while remaining seated. They include cardio, upper body, lower body, core, balance, coordination, and hand exercises. Working On Wellness Foundation focuses on providing exercise for those with conditions that require it just to keep moving. They provide online seated/chair exercise opportunities for anyone with mobility issues.



October Mission of the Month Working On Wellness Foundation

Working On Wellness Foundation wants to make it a little easier people with Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, and other conditions by providing chair-based exercise sessions lead by certified instructors. Now these sessions can be accessed through Zoom or via YouTube.

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You will notice how your life improves and more and more in all areas. There is no darkness in God. There is no lack in God. From God comes no sickness. There is no fear in God. Imagine what flows into your life as you draw closer to God and place Him in the center of your thinking. Think about this: You are already a citizen of God's kingdom. You are a visitor in this world. And here's a tremendous promise: **"In this world we are like Jesus."** (1 John 4:17; NIV)

Jesus is perfectly perfect right now. And God tells you in His Word that in this world (!), you are already as Jesus is now. Think about it... let more and more of Jesus' glorious perfection flow into your life here & now. About 2,000 years ago, Jesus took care once and for all of your sins, so they are no longer separating you from God: **"so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."** (Romans 5:21; NIV) Because Jesus has taken all the punishment for all your sins, God can say this about you: **"I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."** (God in Hebrews 8:12; NLT) So, if there is nothing separating you and God, then rejoice in the assurance of this promise: **"For I know the plans I have for you ... They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me."** (God in Jeremiah 29:11-13; NIV)