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

# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## "Discovering Your Vision"

1 You don't get to *decide* God's purpose for your life, you *discover* it. How? Through prayer. God  
2 says, *'I know the plans I have for you'*. Your parents may not have planned you, but God did.  
3 You may be overwhelmed with problems, but God sees your potential. David's family didn't  
4 think he would amount to much. But where they saw a shepherd boy, God saw a king. Looking  
5 back, David wrote: *'You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your  
6 book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your  
thoughts about me...I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I  
wake up, you are still with me!'* You're unique – and so is God's plan for you. It's encouraging  
to read stories and listen to great achievers and think, 'If they can do it, so can I!' However, the  
secret is to learn from others without trying to duplicate them. It's not enough to have a good  
idea; it must be the will of God. You don't get to decide what your vision will be; you discover it  
by seeking God for direction. And His Word says He will give it to you: *'Your ears shall hear a  
word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or  
whenever you turn to the left'*. That way you know it's *'from the mouth of the LORD'*.

Paul believed he was doing God's will by imprisoning and killing Christians. And when he dis-  
covered his true calling, it was in a dramatic way. *'As he journeyed he came near Damascus,  
and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a  
voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You,  
Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick  
against the goads." So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"  
Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do"*.  
That day his ministry began; one that was destined to change the world! And as his life neared  
its end, he could say, *'I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision'*. Your vision must not be  
born out of your need to impress others or be like them. You're called to do God's will, not your  
own or someone else's. The Bible says, *'Ephraim [was] oppressed and broken in judgment,  
because he willingly walked by human precept'*. Your vision must be the result of divine guid-  
ance and not 'human precept'. You must be able to pray, 'Lord, you gave me this vision, and  
I'm trusting you to provide what I need.' The apostle John writes, *'This is the confidence...we  
have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us'*.




Maybe you think because you haven't been to a Christian college or Seminary that God would  
never give a vision to someone like you. But you would be mistaken. The Bible says this:  
*'There was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision,  
"Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street  
called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he  
is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand  
on him, so that he might receive his sight." ...And Ananias went his way and entered the house;  
and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on  
the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy  
Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at  
once; and he arose and was baptized. So when he had received food, he was strengthened'*.  
And who exactly was Ananias? The right man, in the right place, at the right time, with the right  
attitude! And God used him to lead the apostle Paul to Christ. Pretty impressive, eh? But what's  
interesting is this: after that, Ananias is never mentioned again in Scripture. Bottom line: he was  
a 'nobody' who played a key role in God's plan. And if God gave Ananias a vision and used him  
greatly – He will do the same for you.

# This Week at Living Word

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>18</b> 9:15 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship-COMM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 am—Noon Preschool 10:00 am PUSH	<b>21</b> 9:00 am—Noon Preschool	<b>22</b> 9:00 am—Noon Preschool	<b>23</b> 9:30 am POW Bible Study Zoom and Living Word	<b>24</b>

## September Celebrations

 <b>Sep 17</b> David Merchantz	 <b>Sep 23</b> Jesse Meier	 <b>Sep 19</b> Diana & Paul Motel <b>Sep 19</b> Lisa & Jeff Regan
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## Stewardship Snapshot

### September 11th

16 Worshipped

2 DVD

12 Watched Online

30 Total

### Financial Support

1,220.00 General Fund Deposit

12,000.00 Special Donation for General Fund Deposit

3,000.00 Preschool Account Fund (Mission of the Month)

16,220.00 Total 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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## 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



**DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK** *Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." - John 8:12 (NLT)*

Since the Fall, the natural spiritual state of the world is darkness, unless dispelled by the light of Jesus. Jesus is the light of the world, and Jesus in us can bring light to our corner of the world. Sadly, some choose to remain in darkness, but that need not be your situation. Come to the light, today and every day, for renewal and clarity of vision as to God's will for you.

## Living Word News

**LWLC EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM** was actually a little more structured in their second week of school. The 3 year olds have been learning how to use scissors and other class room tools and learning how to write their names and count to 100. The 4 year olds are doing a bit more with their names and art projects. On Wednesday, the Orland Fire Department came for our annual inspection, so of course they ran a surprise fire drill for us which Mrs. Diana's class had passed and was very orderly. The inspector was highly impressed with how calmly and quickly they exited the building and knew where to go once they were outside. On Thursday, they made apple pie crafts and had chapel time. 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 a couple of little ones registered for this fun new activity for the younger children, both of these learning opportunities for the children are also a great outreach to the community for our church. Check out the pics on the next page.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will be meeting this coming Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. Among the various topics that will be discussed are the financial updates, the recent fire inspection that was performed on Wednesday along with various items that need to be taken care of. Diana will be giving us an update during the announcements next Sunday and the meeting notes will be shared in the newsletter for next Sunday. If you would like to attend, they are meeting at church and there is also a Zoom link available, just let me know and I can forward the link to anyone who needs it.

**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 or from your bed. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together from your sofa or from under the covers. Christians aren't consumers either. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. 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, besides WE are your church family.



**TOT TIME**




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

**Living Word Lutheran Church**  
**Tot Time**

# Preschool 2022



### “Raised from the Dust”

Psalm 113 says: “[The Lord] raises the poor from the dust...”

#### 1) **The Lord raises the poor with His PRIDE.**

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup> saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, <sup>6</sup> buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. <sup>7</sup> The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

Amos 8:4-7

#### 2) **The Lord raises the poor with His PEACE.**

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:1-5

#### 3) **The Lord raises the poor with His PROPERTY.**

Jesus told his disciples...<sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? <sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” <sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

Luke 16:1, 10-15

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...”*

Matthew 5:3

### “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 September 18th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89377775641?pwd=WGEza0EydlId4aWxSQU10MG1RbFJSQT09>

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### “Friday Zoom Bible Study Classes”

**POW (People of the Word) Parables Bible Study** have wrapped up their studies on the Parables this past Friday. Their next study will be on the book of Acts and then 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, 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 below for the Zoom info for the Bible study on September 23rd.**

**The Friday morning Bible Study will NOT meet on Friday, September 30th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89155148044?pwd=RmZMNudVNnV2dUhHci81MWg4WU5zUT09>

**Meeting ID: 891 5514 8044    Passcode: 366374**

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## Mission of the Month

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is our September Mission of the Month. We will be collecting donations all month long. You can either drop off your donation while at church, send a check in the mail, or use our giving page and select Mission of the Month.

Our mission as a Christian ministry is to serve schools, churches, and families in order to advance the success of children who have learning needs. Our vision as a ministry is to reach out to provide the opportunity for every child to receive specialized learning services.

As we look to the future, we know that there is great potential for growth. Studies show that one student in five has a learning challenge. The law guarantees these children a public education. For families that choose a Christian education, Lutheran Special Education Ministries is eager to partner with them and with churches to help meet their needs.

Lutheran Special Education Ministries provides resource room services, professional development, and educational support to churches and schools across the country. Our ministry's vision is to provide children the opportunity to grow academically and spiritually regardless of the challenges they may face. We're constantly looking at ways to grow our ministry by serving and supporting as many children, families and Christian communities as possible.

Here's how our combined gift this month can impact these children across the country:

\$25 allows LSEM to provide consultation service for students at schools that do not have an LSEM program but need expert advice and resources.

\$50 helps an LSEM teacher screen students for literacy and math difficulties in their classrooms.

\$100 provides online instructional support in reading and/or math for students experiencing difficulty with basic skills.

\$500 equips an LSEM teacher with reading and math intervention curriculum for the school year for their classroom.

