

Patience is not simply the ability to wait-it's how we behave while we are waiting.

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# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## "How to Develop Patience"

The Bible says that when you pray, God can answer instantly. But nowhere in the Bible are you promised 'instant patience'. Patience is a quality of character, and character is built over a lifetime of walking with God through good times and bad. One Bible teacher says, 'Patience is just faith taking its time.' Here is how God develops patience in us:

1) *Interruptions.* You sit down to eat dinner and your phone starts ringing. You're in the bathroom and someone comes to the door. You're quickly working to meet a deadline and visitors arrive. It's said that when Brahms was writing his famous 'Lullaby', he encountered so many interruptions, it took him seven years to compose the piece. Someone joked, 'When you're writing a lullaby, you need all those interruptions to keep you from falling asleep at the piano.'

2) *Delays.* We hate to wait. We have a microwave mindset – we want what we want – in seconds. We have fast food, quick-cook pasta, and instant coffee. We're like the man who prayed, 'Lord, give me patience, and I want it right now!'

3) *Irritations.* Long lines, lost keys, late planes, phone calls, cold food, flat tires, occupied bathrooms, traffic jams...the list is endless.

Do you know that 90 percent of heart attack sufferers have the 'hurried' Type A personality? The Bible says, '*Impatience will get you into trouble*' (Proverbs 19:2 GNT). We speak of the patience of Job, who said, '*All the days of my hard service I will wait for my renewal to come*' (Job 14:14). Pray about it, exercise patience, and be confident in God!

Heavenly Father, help me to develop my patience and wait upon You, trusting You! In Jesus' Name, Amen

Patience begins by changing the way you view something. When you're impatient, you have a narrow perspective. All you see is yourself: your needs, goals, schedule, desires, and the way people are messing up your life. Basically, the root of impatience is *selfishness*. Try to see things from the other person's point of view. If you want to succeed in marriage, learn to see life from your partner's point of view. If you want to succeed as a parent, learn to see things from your child's point of view. If you want to succeed in business, learn to see things from your customer's point of view. If you want to be a successful employer, learn to see life from your employee's point of view. Try to discover why the other person feels as they do.

If you never had to deal with irritations and interruptions, you would never develop patience. You must accept the truth that God is directing your steps, and that trust doesn't require explanations. The Bible says, '*The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?*' (Proverbs 20:24). Patience is a mark of maturity. When babies don't instantly get what they want, they get upset. Maturity includes the ability to wait, to live with delayed gratification.

'*Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly*' (Proverbs 14:29). A person of understanding and wisdom who learns to see life from another's (and God's) point of view, is able to be patient. So, pray and ask God to give you a new perspective on things.

Heavenly Father, instead of thinking about me and what I want, help me see things from others' points of view and understand them. In Jesus' Name, Amen

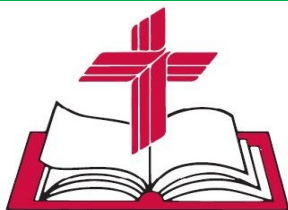
Here are two more things you need to do in order to develop patience:

1) **Develop a sense of humor.** The Bible says, '*A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life*' (Proverbs 14:30). Scientific studies reveal that people who laugh, live longer. Humor is a stress dissolver. It's an antidote to apprehension. It's a tranquilizer without any troubling side effects.

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**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**

Eleanor Galik  
for immediate prayers

Living in the Word...that the 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

## This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>21</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>Blended</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>Pastor Kris</b> <b>Whitby</b>	<b>22</b> <b>VBS 9am–</b> <b>Noon</b> <b>12:30pm Call</b> <b>Committee</b> <b>Meeting with</b> <b>Pastor Andrew</b> <b>Koschmann</b>	<b>23</b> <b>VBS 9am–</b> <b>Noon</b>  <b>10:00am Push</b> <b>Prayer</b>	<b>24</b> <b>VBS 9am–</b> <b>Noon</b>	<b>25</b> <b>VBS 9am–</b> <b>Noon</b>  <b>4:30pm Council</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>26</b> <b>VBS 9am–</b> <b>Noon</b>	<b>27</b>

### July Celebrations



*Birthdays  
of the Month*

**July 23** John Gabrielson  
**July 27** Kurt Meier

### Stewardship Snapshot

**July 14th**

**18 Worshipped**  
**2 Watched Live**  
**4 Watched Later**  
**24 Total**  
**Financial Support**  
**\$1,060.00 Total General Fund Deposit**

### Devotional Time

#### 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

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** usually meets every Sunday morning in the conference room from 9:30 to 9:55. Please join Pastor Lee and the others every Sunday as they learn about the Word of God.

**VERSE OF THE MONTH** -<sup>12</sup> *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.* <sup>13</sup> *From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;* <sup>14</sup> *from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—* <sup>15</sup> *he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.* Psalm 33:12-15.

**PRAYER REQUEST OF THANKSGIVING** for Pastor John as he is in the regular assisted living building. He was reevaluated this week. He has expressed that he is up to having visitors and phone calls again. He is walking around more, he is still very leery to want to go out as he doesn't want to take the risk of falling again. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they are very concerned about Pastor John, as we all are, and are very thankful for his improved condition. If you would like to send cards or well wishes or to call him, here is the complete address: John Bucka, C/O Victorian Village, **Rm #108**, 12600 Renaissance Circle, Homer Glen, IL 60491. Phone number for Victorian Village is 708-578-7091, so just ask for Pastor John Bucka when they answer.

**GOD'S GRACE AND COMFORT** to Joan Weissenstein's family. Joan had passed away the middle of June. At the end of March Joan was diagnosed with a brain tumor, doctors had hoped radiation and chemo pills would have helped and hopefully allow Joan to do a few more things that she would have liked to do, but it was more serious than they first thought. Her family will be holding her memorial service on Saturday, August 3rd at Zion Lutheran Church at 17100 S. 69th Avenue in Tinley Park in their Gathering Room. Visitation will be from 9:00am to 10:00 am with the service to follow. Afterwards there will be luncheon at Barraco's Pizza at 15601 South Harlem. Joan was 85 and will be joining her husband Ken in eternal life with our Father in heaven. She is survived by her two sons and her two daughters-in-law.



## Mission of the Month

**GIDEON BIBLE INTERNATIONAL** will be our Mission of the Month for July. Our elder Phil gave a presentation for Gideon's Bibles on Sunday, July 7th. As always this will be our mission for the entire month. Please see below for all their ministries.

**JUNE'S MISSION OF THE MONTH** was Lutheran Church Charities. We had collected \$143.00 which was just deposited into the General Fund Account at the beginning of the month, plus we received another donation for them a few weeks ago for \$200 and that was deposited into that same account early last week. As always thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity.

### Gideon Bible International July 2024 Mission of the Month



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”... Matthew 28:19

The Gideons International provides Bibles and New Testaments to people all over the World. They work with hotels and also distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them. They are a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ.

### *“How to Develop Patience”*

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It's a shock absorber for the potholes of life. Someone once asked President Abraham Lincoln how he handled the tensions of the Civil War. He said, 'If it hadn't been for laughter, I could not have made it.' When you can laugh at it, you can live with it. And besides, if you learn to laugh at your problems, you will never run out of anything to laugh at!

**2) Deepen your love.** Paul writes, 'Love is very patient' (1 Corinthians 13:4). That means when you are impatient, you are being unloving. When you love someone, you're concerned about that person's wishes, distresses, needs, and point of view – not just your own. When you are filled with love, almost nothing can provoke you to anger or impatience. On the other hand, when you are filled with anger, almost anything can provoke you. Under pressure, whatever is inside you is going to come out. So, deepen your love. 'Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love' (Ephesians 4:2).

And one more thought: when you learn to love the people who irritate you, you take a weapon out of Satan's hands that he can use against you. Today pray, 'Lord, make me a more patient person.'

**Heavenly Father, help me be a more patient person and learn how to laugh more and trust You in and for ALL situations. In Jesus' Name, Amen**



**PRECHOOL** is now closed for the summer months. She has 4 students enrolled for next fall already, she had a tour last Friday morning with a new family that has registered their daughter for the fall semester of 2025/2026 school year. Please keep Mrs. Diana and our preschool in your prayers for additional growth and opportunity. Also please let everyone you know what a wonderful program she has, and how their children will flourish in our preschool.

**MOWING OPPORTUNITIES** are still available if you are interested and able to help our mow crew. We currently have about 3 or 4 people who have volunteered to help us out each week. This is a huge help for us to save money.

**WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS** Church Night will be Saturday, August 17th. It will be "Elvis Night" also. Tickets are \$7.00. Seats were in a great location last year. The game will start at 6:00pm. There is a sign up sheet on the desk in the fellowship hall. Ticket orders will need to be placed by Sunday, August 4th. We had 7 people attend the game last year, and we all had a great time. There will be a post game fireworks show as well.



## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Kris Whitby for filling in for Pastor Lee this Sunday. We look forward to worshipping with you Pastor Kris. We know that you are very busy and we appreciate you taking the time to lead us in worship and to serve us communion this week. I would also like to thank our head elder "Pastor" Bill Merchantz for leading us in the Word last Sunday and also on the 28th of this month.

**THANK YOU** to Neal Hartz, Bill Merchantz and Ed and Cathy Baidis for cleaning up the playground all this past week. Everyone did an amazing job. Neal cut down a mulberry tree that is growing out of control and Bill, Ed and Cathy had pulled all of the weeds that were growing like crazy most of this week. The whole playground was just overrun with the weeds, and I seen a huge difference just after the first day of work. Great job, a huge thank you for all of the hard work this week.

**ANOTHER THANK YOU** goes out to Jim and Sandy Boehm and Neal Hartz for cutting down all the low hanging branches and cleaning up the Linda Boehm's Memorial Garden. They were working all of Monday morning in the heat and humidity.

**AND THANK YOU** to all that have signed up to buy supplies for VBS. This will be a very good week and we praise God that we can share this experience with the youth of our community. Diana has already started working on the yellow submarine and some other decorations to transform our church into an Underwater Scuba Adventure, and was here on Friday getting everything ready. We are already up to 70 kids that have signed up this year. If you can help out for about an hour in the mornings, it would be greatly appreciated, Monday of course is the busiest day. Everyone is trying to sign in, pay the \$15 registration fee, plus this year we will be handing out shirts to each child.

## VBS 2024

### PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

"God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us."

