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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Eleanor Galik
for immediate prayers



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"Integrity"

What would you say is the single most important characteristic of a person who wants to be successful and make a difference in the world? Some would say intelligence. After all, knowledge is power in numerous ways. Others argue it is intensity that spirit of conquest supplemented with a passion that becomes contagious. Yet others propose that it is insight, good old common sense accompanied by the ability to clearly perceive certain issues.

The Bible says the most important quality in success is integrity: *'He who walks with integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will become known.'* You will eventually *'become known'* by your integrity or the lack of it. We have all known people along life's road who possess extraordinary intelligence but no integrity, and they are no longer in the race. Others with great intensity and passion but little integrity have ended up the same way. The same result is true of people with great insight but no integrity. The thesaurus equates integrity with such words as 'honesty, completeness, and incorruptibility'.

Integrity begins in your *private* world; the part of you that's known only to God and yourself. Then it shows up in your *personal* world; the part of you that you reveal to a small circle of intimate family members and possibly a few friends. After that comes your *professional* world. Here people know you by your product, your work ethic, or your skill set. And they all ask the same question: 'Can I trust you?' Finally, your integrity shows up in your *public* world. So here is the question: do you have integrity?

Heavenly Father, help me to walk each day with You and reflect Your presence in my life. Forgive me when I fail. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Here are six ingredients which are always found in lasting success:

- 1) *Information*: If you don't stay informed, you will be left behind.
- 2) *Intuition*: This is sometimes referred to as 'to know in your knower'.
- 3) *Initiative*: This is when you are willing to step out in faith and act on what you know intuitively.
- 4) *Intentionality*: This is when you are willing to set specific goals and timelines for reaching them.
- 5) *Intensity*: This calls for more than starting power, it requires staying power.
- 6) *Integrity*: This is the glue that holds the previous five things together. And it's rooted in that private life you develop alone with God.

We often hear architects, engineers, and builders say, 'This building has structural integrity.' What do they mean? That the public beauty of a tall skyscraper relies on its private, unseen foundation that is dug deep into the earth and solidly constructed. It is that hidden life of a building that brings structural integrity.

Likewise, it's the hidden life of a fruit tree – the unseen root system that digs deep into the earth – that produces those juicy, delectable fruits. And so it is with you. Integrity must be rooted in your private life. Don't wait until you're thrust into the public arena before paying attention to your integrity, for then you will have waited until it's too late. Your talent may bring you success, but it takes character to protect and maintain your success. The truth is that when your integrity is rooted in your private world, it's reflected in your personal world, your professional world, and your public world.

Heavenly Father, keep me rooted in You so that my life will show integrity in all aspects of my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00am Blended Worship Service Elder Bill Merchantz	29	30 10:00am Push Prayer	31	1	2	3

July Celebrations



Happy Baptism
Birthday!

- July 29** Darlene Cygan
- July 29** Josh Regan
- July 30** Ashley Regan

Stewardship Snapshot

July 21st

21 Worshipped, **19** Communed
2 Watched Live
4 Watched Later
27 Total
Financial Support
 Offering was not counted this week

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 -¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. ¹³ From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; ¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—¹⁵ 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.



August 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship Traditional Communion Hymnal Service	5	6 10:00am Push Prayer	7	8	9	10
11 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Worship Service	12	13 10:00am Push Prayer	14	15 7:00pm Council Meeting	16	17
18 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Communion Worship Service 11:00am Congregational Meeting	19	20 10:00am Push Prayer	21	22	23	24
25 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Worship Service	26	27 10:00am Push Prayer	28	29  5:30pm-6:30pm Preschool Open House	30	31

August Celebrations

 <p>Aug 19 Sandy Boehm Aug 28 Renate DiGrazia Aug 31 Randy Hodo</p>	 <p>Aug 1 Donna Wasilkoff Aug 6 Jim McKinney Aug 9 Randy Hodo Aug 9 Robert Hodo Aug 12 Lisa Regan Aug 19 Kurt Meier Aug 21 Freddy Merchantz Aug 31 Sandy Boehm</p>	<h3>Happy Anniversary</h3>  <p>Aug 11 Tiffani & David West Aug 17 Jodi & Bruce Kempke</p>
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Mission of the Month

GIDEON BIBLE INTERNATIONAL is 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. This will be our last Sunday for this mission.

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.

Living Word News

PRESCHOOL 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.



COUNCIL MEETING was this past Thursday afternoon. They reviewed the financials and then they discussed the upcoming budget for this fiscal year and also received updates from Ken and Diana on behalf of the Call Committee on our meeting with Pastor Koschmann on Monday.

Thank You

THANK YOU to Pastor Kris Whitby for filling in for Pastor Lee last Sunday. We enjoyed worshipping with 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. I would also like to thank our head elder "Pastor" Bill Merchantz for leading us in the Word this Sunday.

THANK YOU to all that have bought supplies for VBS. This was a very great week and we praise God that we can share this experience with the youth of our community. Diana has transformed our church into an Underwater Scuba Adventure, and was here last Friday getting everything ready. We averaged over 50 kids everyday. A huge thank you to our very own Diana Motel for all of her hard work every year making VBS so special for the young children. Check out the pics from the fun week here at church.

VBS 2024



