

**IF YOU'RE UNDER
ATTACK, ITS BECAUSE
YOUR BLESSING
IS CLOSE! THIEVES
ONLY COME
TO LOADED VAULTS.
STAY ENCOURAGED!!**

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**PRAYER CHAIN
REQUESTS**

Eleanor Galik
for immediate prayers



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"When You're Under Attack"

Your biggest mistakes often occur in the early stage of a trial because it catches you off guard. Surprise is one of the devil's favorite weapons, so here are four winning strategies you can use when you're under attack:

- 1) Don't panic.** Live by the Scripture, *'Be still, and know that I am God'* (Psalm 46:10). That means God is present, fully aware of your situation, and has a solution. Just be sensitive and responsive to the voice of His Spirit within you (see *John 16:13*). Remember, time is on your side. Patience is a weapon that forces truth and motives to the surface.
- 2) Analyze it.** Solomon said, *'In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider'* (Ecclesiastes 7:14). Sometimes what looks like a crisis is just concentrated information. And when you take time to analyze it, you benefit from it.
- 3) Seek advice.** *'Without good direction, people lose their way; the more wise counsel you follow, the better your chances'* (Proverbs 11:14). Ignorance is your enemy and instruction is your friend. Somebody somewhere knows something you need to know; something that can help you survive and even succeed during this painful chapter in your life. Reach for them.
- 4) Expect God to move.** *'When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.'* Adversity is often the Enemy's reaction to your progress. Rejoice; your heavenly Father's eyes are on you today. He is pleased with you, and He is going to bring you through this victoriously.

Adversity is often the Enemy's attempt to rob you of the next season of God's blessing in your life. If you're under attack today, you need to do these three things:

- 1) Rise up and fight back.** You will be tempted to withdraw or become timid and passive, especially if you have been hurt. Don't do it. A wounded animal just invites attack. Satan loves shy, fearful types, but real fighters intimidate him. So, be bold and claim the promise, *'Resist the devil, and he will flee from you'* (James 4:7).
- 2) Use all your weapons.** The Bible says, *'The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world...they have divine power to demolish strongholds'* (2 Corinthians 10:4). Prayer is a weapon – use it daily. And join in prayer with others. One person alone can't multiply faith; increase begins when two people get together (see *Matthew 18:19*). Make sure you know the intercessors in your life because they have influence with God. Scripture is also a weapon, so use it. *'Take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God'* (Ephesians 6:17). Find out what God's Word says about your situation, and then use it like a sword to cut the Enemy's head off.
- 3) Try to see the big picture.** Few things are ever as they first appear, so look beyond the moment and see if something good is being birthed in you. After adversity comes blessing and favor, so get your eyes back on the big picture. Paul, who suffered a relentless attack, said, *'Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all'*. Bottom line: today you can win.

Satan can attack you anytime, anywhere. If you want to defeat him, here are some tried and true biblical principles you need to follow:


- 1) Guard your mind.** You will never be defeated as long as you're victorious in your mind; that's the birthplace of everything you do. Satan knows that, and he will try to get your thoughts so scattered you won't be able to concentrate on what's important. Don't let him do it. Get back into focus. Isaiah said, *'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee'* (Isaiah 26:3).

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This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship Traditional Communion Hymnal Service	5	6 10:00am Push Prayer	7	8	9	10

August Celebrations



Happy Baptism Birthday!

Aug 6 Jim McKinney
Aug 9 Randy Hodo
Aug 9 Robert Hodo

Stewardship Snapshot

July 28th

20 Worshipped
 2 Watched Live
11 Watched Later
 23 Total

Financial Support for July 21st

\$1,020.00 Total General Offering
 \$935.00 VBS Deposit
\$3,200.00 Lawn Mower Sale
 \$5,155.00 Total Deposit

Financial Support for July 28th

\$1,240.00 Total General Offering
\$265.00 Gideons Bibles (Mission of the Month)
 \$5,123.00 Total General Fund Deposit

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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 -¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. ¹³From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; ¹⁴from 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.

Living Word Endowment Fund

LIVING WORD ENDOWMENT FUND (as of 7/31/2024)

The current value of the fund is \$181,462.24 invested in Thrivent funds. Current market value exceeds cost of investments by \$40,179.88. Since inception (10/12/05), the Fund has earned interest and dividends totaling \$56,301.63. Of this, \$28,150.82 will return to Living Word for growth initiatives.

THIS REPRESENTS A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

To Date:	Total contributions	\$84,980.73
	Market value over cost	40,179.88
	<u>Dividends and interest</u>	<u>56,301.63</u>
	Total market value	\$181,462.24



HOW THE ENDOWMENT FUND WORKS

Contributions treated as donation for tax purposes. Funds invested by Thrivent Financial. 50% of interest and dividends available for church growth. Interested in estate planning? Call Tim Regan/Thrivent (708-326-4750). If any questions, call Bob Grossart

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2) Love people, but trust God. Live by the Scripture: *'It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man'* (Psalm 118:8). When the devil wants to hurt you, he will often use a person to do it. Your *enemy* is anyone who attempts to ruin the will of God in your life, so identify such people and avoid them. God never commanded us to trust people; He commanded us to love people – and trust Him. Understand the difference, for your victory depends on it.

3) Never give up. Jesus said, *'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God'* (Luke 9:62). Your dreams and goals are worth any fight, any price, and any waiting period. Your faith is what defeats Satan. Remember Joseph? Every day of adversity was just another stepping stone toward the throne. So, keep walking and believing, for there is victory ahead!

I chose this article from the Lutheran Church Charities Daily Devotional for everyone who has been having a rough week, including myself. We all have to remember to have faith in Christ, and that He will not let us down. Keep being prayerful and life will work out. What doesn't kill us, only makes us stronger. Stronger in our faith in Christ.

Our friends below should help put a smile on your face, they have been on vacation lately too, lol.

SO JESUS FEEDS EVERYONE, AND IT REMINDS THEM ALL OF MOSES?

YEAH



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BUT JESUS HIMSELF IS THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN, ONLY BETTER!



OH I GET IT! MANNA HAPPY RETURNS!



JOHN 6:24-35

Mission of the Month

GIDEON BIBLE INTERNATIONAL was 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. Through your overwhelming support, we collected \$265.00 for this worthwhile charity. As always, thank you so much for your generosity.

PHIL'S FRIENDS will be the Mission of the Month for August. They are a Christ-centered support organization for cancer patients. They not only provide emotional support to the patients, but they also provide the basic essentials to these individuals and their families.

August Mission of the Month

Our Mission : To provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer.



Our Vision: Phil's Friends will expand to a sustainable international organization by implementing new programs, increasing services, expanding volunteer opportunities, and developing needed support for individuals and families affected by cancer.

Our Values: We are committed to carrying out our mission in a Christ-centered, caring culture dedicated to supporting individuals and families impacted by cancer. We adapt to the dynamic needs of the people we serve by acting responsibly, with a sense of urgency, and a passion for excellence. With integrity, our team serves with compassion, respect, and kindness, offering hope and peace to all.

THANK YOU LETTERS were received from PASS. It reads: *"Dear Living Word Lutheran Church: Thank you very much for your gift in-kind and your continued faithfulness to PASS Pregnancy Care Centers. According to the IRS, PASS is not allowed to place a value on the items you donated. ... PASS has not provided any goods or services in consideration for this donation ... Your support allows PASS IMPACT to teach 17,000+ students annually the abstinence before and faithfulness in marriage message. PASS Pregnancy Care Centers offer pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds and referrals for medical, financial and housing services. PASS relates truth about their options to over 2,000 women and men experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Through our Abundant Life earn-while-learn program, we teach life, parenting and relationship skills. These programs build confidence in the family. Both the mother and father of the baby can earn points by attending. Their points are redeemed in the Baby's Boutique for essential items for their baby up to the age of 3. Because of donations like yours, we offer all services at no charge through our centers in Tinley Park, Lansing, South Holland, Aurora and Chicago. PASS Hope and Healing program offers a time of discovery and freedom to experience renewal and hope. We believe that the choices in your past do not determine your future. Thank you for helping make a difference in our communities. Together making a difference."* It is signed; *"Donna Williams, Executive Director."* That of course was the thank you letter for all of the miscellaneous items that you had donated such as all of the diapers, bibs, baby clothes and the baby bathing necessities. Thank you again for showing how much our church cares for our community. The letter can be found on the bulletin board next to the other letters that they had sent to us.

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 last 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 last Monday. Their next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, August 15th, at the regular time of 7:00pm.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday August 18th, following the service. The Transition team will present Pastor Koschmann, we will have his information and ask you to vote to extend Call documents to him. The council will also have information to share with you regarding the proposed budget and information regarding different things that have been taken care of around the building and the different services that we have changed for the building as well. They will also share the outcome of the church surveys that everybody filled out earlier this summer. Please plan on attending this meeting, we need everyone's vote and participation. We would like to thank you for all that you do for our church.



Sunday, August 18, 2024
After worship service

“You Open Your Hand”

Psalm 145 says this about God’s loving provision for us:
“You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing...”

1) God satisfies me with MANNA in my desert.

²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” ⁸Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.” ⁹Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.”
Exodus 16:2-15

2) God satisfies me with GRACE in my life.

⁴As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” ⁹(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
Ephesians 4:1-16

3) God satisfies me with BREAD in my soul.

²²The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. ²³Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” ²⁶Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” ²⁸Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” ³⁰So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” ³⁵Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
John 6:22-35