

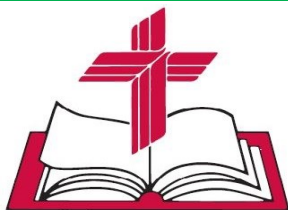


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### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Eleanor Galik  
for immediate prayers



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Word may live in others.

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# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## "Pray for Wisdom"

**When King Solomon** ascended to the throne, God told him, 'Ask! What shall I give you?' Imagine: Solomon was given *carte blanche* by the One in whose dictionary the word *impossible* doesn't occur. But there was a catch! God was testing Solomon to find out what was in his heart. An arrogant person would have asked for fame. A worldly person would have asked for wealth. A self-seeking person would have asked for power. What did Solomon ask God for? 'Now give me wisdom.' So, God granted Solomon's request and gave him something more gratifying than fame, more extravagant than wealth, and more thrilling than power. As it turned out, all the material blessings Solomon enjoyed were by-products of the gift of wisdom. **An anonymous thinker wrote:** 'Tell me your dreams, and I will tell you the riddle of your life. Tell me your prayers, and I will write the history of your soul. Tell me your askings, and I will tell you your gettings. Tell me what you seek, and I will tell you what you are...I do not wish to know your possessions...only your wants. I do not care to know what you have, only what you have not and desire to have; not your attainments, but what you have not yet attained and follow after; that which comes to you in your victories by day and your dreams by night, the ideal you set before you, the things you approve as excellent, what you seek after and have given your heart to, these are the measure of a man.' So, pray for wisdom.

**When King Solomon** asked God for wisdom instead of power, fame, or riches, God told him: 'You could have asked me to make you rich or famous or to let you live a long time. Or you could have asked for your enemies to be destroyed. Instead, you asked for wisdom and knowledge to rule my people. So I will make you wise and intelligent. But I will also make you richer and more famous than any king before or after you'. That's a fitting description of King Solomon in his time. He ruled the world's greatest empire. His merchant ships plied the seas, bringing him back the treasures of the earth. He designed and built some of the world's most important buildings, including the temple. He constructed reservoirs, parks, gardens, and vineyards. He mastered commerce, science, and literature. He became a poet laureate, a distinguished writer, and a gifted musician. He learned the incredible worth of wisdom, enjoyed all its benefits, and wrote: 'Let instruction and knowledge mean more to you than silver or the finest gold. Wisdom is worth much more than precious jewels or anything else you desire'.

**There are 31** chapters in the book of Proverbs – one for every day of the month – so here is a suggestion: why don't you read a chapter a day for the next twelve months and become wise? **Why does the Bible** talk so much about Solomon's wisdom? Because it's not human wisdom raised to a supernatural height; it's supernatural wisdom lowered to human understanding. Lest you think the water is too deep and wisdom is beyond you, listen to what Solomon, said: 'Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you'.

**Along those lines,** 'Since 1955 knowledge has doubled every five years...High school graduates today have been exposed to more information about the world than Plato, Aristotle, Spinoza, or Benjamin Franklin. In terms of facts alone, neither Moses nor Paul could pass a college entrance exam today. Yet, by everyone's standards, even with all our knowledge...society today is peopled with a bumper crop of brilliant failures...men and women...educated to earn a living often don't know anything about handling life itself. Alumni from noted universities have mastered information about a narrow slice of life – but couldn't make it out of the first grade when it comes to living successfully with family and friends. Let's face it. Knowledge is not enough to meet life's problems. We need wisdom, the ability to handle life with skill.'

'**There is no fool** so great a fool as a knowing fool; but to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.' The more information you're exposed to, the more you need to pray for wisdom.

## This Week at Living Word

| Sunday   | Monday    | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday  |
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| <b>13</b><br><b>10:00am</b><br><b>Blended</b><br><b>Worship</b><br><b>Service</b><br><b>Elder Bill</b><br><b>Merchantz</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br><b>9am-Noon</b><br><b>Preschool</b><br><br><b>10:00am Push</b><br><b>Prayer</b> | <b>16</b><br><b>9am-Noon</b><br><b>Preschool</b> | <b>17</b><br><b>9am-Noon</b><br><b>Preschool</b><br><br><b>7:00pm Council</b><br><b>Meeting</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> |

### Stewardship Snapshot

#### October 6th

**18 Worshipped, 16 Communed**

**1 Watched Live**

**8 Watched Later**

**27 Total**

#### Financial Support for September 29th

200.00 Preschool Account

1,000.00 Pastor's Fund

1,550.00 General Fund Donation

**\$2,750.00 Total Deposit**

#### Financial Support for October 6th

1,120.00 General Fund Donation

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**Ken Marks**—Vice President

**Bill Merchantz** - Treasurer

**Diana Motel** - Secretary

#### Members at Large

Paul Huang

## 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

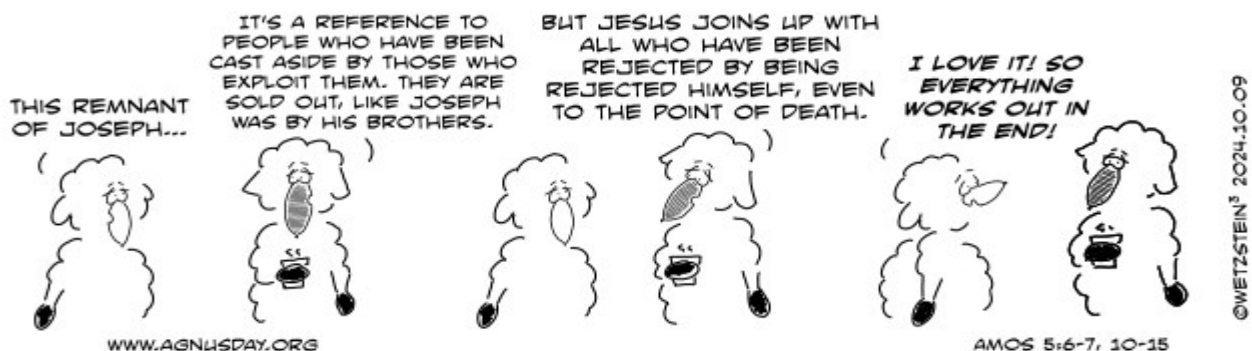
**VERSE OF THE MONTH** <sup>13</sup>For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. - *Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)*

**DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK** *Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?* - *Romans 2:2-4 (NIV)*

Judging others implies we do not recognize our own sin. We have all sinned. We are made righteous by God's grace alone. This is no excuse for judging others. Only a holy sinless God is qualified to judge.

God does not immediately judge us because he is patient in waiting for us to repent. But there will be an eventual accounting. We will all stand one day before a holy God and give an account of how we have stewarded the life he gave us.

Today, let the truth that we are lost without God and his forgiveness drive us to repentance.



## Living Word News

**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. Pastor Lee and Elaine had visited with him last Sunday and gave him communion and prayed with him. They said that he is in good spirits and alert throughout the day, he is still struggling with having dizziness and falling, but other than that he is doing well.

**HONEY SUNDAY FORMS** were due the last Sunday of September, but since the money has not yet been deposited and counted for the orders, if you would still like to order a bottle or two of honey, please let me know, the order has not been sent in yet, so we can still accept requests for honey. Thank you as always for your generous support. This mission not only helps the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, but helps us out a little as well.

**TRANSITION TEAM** and the church council will be meeting with President Buss from NID and Pastor Schauer on Sunday, November 24th. We have asked President Buss to be able to meet with us so we can discuss the availability of seminary students graduating in the spring and the possibility of shared ministry with other churches. We will also be discussing some other options that have been brought to our attention last year from Pastor Price from Trinity Lutheran in Lisle. We will keep you informed as the meeting draws closer and of any further updates or developments that we get. If there is something you would like us to address with President Buss, please let any of the members of the council or Call Committee know.

**COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for this Thursday. Please let any of the members of the council know if there is something you would like for them to discuss. Diana or Bill will announce the different topics that were discussed during the announcements after service next week.

**GOD'S GRACE AND COMFORT** to the Kempke family. Their son Brad had died at the very young age of 32. His visitation was Thursday and the funeral was Friday. Brad had died unexpectedly in his sleep early Sunday morning. Please keep Bruce and Jodi and his sisters, Tiffanie and Stephanie along with their families in your prayers during this very difficult time

**THANKS TO ELDER BILL** for filling in for Pastor Lee a couple of Sundays ago and this Sunday as well. Pastor Lee will be going down to the Gulf Coast this week to provide comfort to those who have lost so very much during these last two hurricanes. Bill will also be leading our worship service on October 27th, which will be Reformation Sunday. Bill also would like to have a pot luck meal that day. I really like Bill's ideas, lol. There will be more information announced and sent out to everyone, remember to bring your appetites that day.

**POT LUCK MEAL BEING PLANNED** for the last Sunday of the month in October. As I stated above, Head elder, Bill Merchantz suggested we could have a pot luck after service on Reformation Sunday. I have a sign up sheet out on the desk now, so everyone can let us know how many will be coming and the goodies that they will be bringing. It seems like everyone wanted to bring in German food since it is Reformation Sunday and as it is still October. Even though the graphic I have on the sign up sheet says "Germanfest", it really isn't, even though most of the food will be German delicacies, lol. Yum, I know we will definitely enjoy all of the food and everyone's fellowship. Don't forget to let our extended church family members who have not been here for a while know about this delicious event, it would be so nice to see some of our not so forgotten about brothers and sisters in Christ.



# Germanfest



**POLICE OFFICERS' BIBLES** are here now. They had arrived on Tuesday afternoon. There are a few copies on the desk in the fellowship hall. Please make sure you stop and check them out. If you know of any police officers that could benefit from these bibles, please feel free to give them one.



## Preschool News/Mission of the Month

**PRESCHOOL** is in full swing. She has 4 students enrolled for this fall, she had a tour earlier this summer 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. Diana is hoping to have our preschool grow into a larger class again this year. In order to help our preschool out, she will be having a very yummy fundraiser. Nothing Bundt Cakes is partnering with us in an effort to help raise money for our preschool. This will also be our Mission of the Month for October. Please see the flyer below for the promotion. All orders will be due by 11/6 and they will be ready for pickup on November 18th. Remember you can always freeze them for an extra week to have them for dessert for your Thanksgiving dinner. It's very easy and yummy all at the same time, and there are many delicious varieties and flavors to choose from. It will only be their bundtlets that will be for the fundraiser, each bundtlet is \$6 and comes in their traditional flavors. There will be order forms in the bulletins each week. Please make sure you share these with your family and friends also. They also make great little treats for yourself even if it's just an ordinary day and not for a holiday.



## The Sweetest Way to Support Living World Lutheran Church and Preschool

Fundraiser Cake Flavors Available:

Chocolate Chocolate Chip | Red Velvet | White Chocolate Raspberry

Lemon | Confetti | Classic Vanilla | Carrot

Snickerdoodle | Strawberries & Cream | Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookie

**Individual Bundtlet Cost: \$6**