

CHRIST & CREDIBLE TESTIMONY

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Eleanor Galik
for immediate prayers



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with the ministry and people of Living Word

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"Christ Is Totally Credible"

What made great intellectuals like C. S. Lewis commit their lives to Christ? His credibility! Observe some of the Old Testament prophecies Jesus fulfilled during His lifetime:

- 1) He would enter into Jerusalem on a donkey:** 'Behold, your King...He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey' (Zechariah 9:9).
- 2) He would be betrayed by a friend:** 'My own familiar friend in whom I trusted...has lifted up his heel against me' (Psalm 41:9).
- 3) He would be sold for thirty pieces of silver:** 'So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver' (Zechariah 11:12).
- 4) They would gamble for His garments:** 'They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots' (Psalm 22:18).
- 5) Not one of His bones would be broken:** 'He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken' (Psalm 34:20 NKJV).
- 6) He would be buried in a rich man's tomb:** 'He was put in a rich man's grave' (Isaiah 53:9).
- 7) That He would be raised again from the dead:** 'You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption' (Psalm 16:10).

John records: 'After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"' In full possession of His mental faculties, with His mind unclouded, He checked off the prophecies He was supposed to fulfill right down to the last one, and said, '**It is finished.**' Christ – He's totally credible, and you can trust Him!

From the moment of His birth to the hour of His death, Christ's life was predicted in detail by Old Testament prophets. He fulfilled about *forty* different prophecies during His lifetime. Statistically, the chances of that happening are about one in a billion! Why is it important to point this out? Because voices are being raised that question His virgin birth, His deity, His miracles, His resurrection, and His soon return.

Evidently the same people were around when Peter lived. He writes: '*I will work hard to make sure you always remember these things after I am gone. For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."*

'We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place – until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God' (2 Peter 1:15-21).

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blend ed Worship Service 11:30am Council Meeting 1:30pm Call Team/Council Meeting with Pastor Buss	25	26 10:00am Push Prayer	27 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30pm	28 Thanksgiving Day Office closed	29 Office closed	30

Thanksgiving Break—No Preschool

Stewardship Snapshot

November 17th

21 Worshipped, 19 Communed

2 Watched Live

8 Watched Later

31 Total

Financial Support for November 17th

17,380.48 Pastor's Compensation (From Government ERC)

5,140.00 Police Bibles Fund

1,325.00 General Fund Donation

\$23,845.48 Total Deposit

Celebrations



Nov 30

Jeff Regan



Happy Baptism
Birthday!

Nov 6

Lily Rozwalka

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 your requests, or join us for 30-40 minutes each week. You can also join on Zoom.

PUSH PRAYER will be available on Zoom now for any of our out-of-towners and/or shut-ins to join us., I will email the link on Monday afternoons or Tuesday mornings, so it would be easier for you to find the email in your inbox. Just click on the link and it will connect you to the group. **Please see below for the Zoom info for the PUSH PRAYER on November 26th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84076099900?pwd=d3BxLBWbTizRVpuSGhgTXc2dGRldz09>

Meeting ID: 840 7609 9900 Passcode: 427470

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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 Yet [Abraham] did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. - Romans 4:20-21 (NIV)
 Jesus came to make us right with God through his death on the cross, and as we trust what He's done for us we're made right. Yet we are so ingrained in our patterns of what it means to be a God-fearing person, that we are constantly tempted to try to (and want to) make ourselves righteous, until the Gospel wakes us up. So the question becomes "Will you trust Him?"

VERSE OF THE MONTH ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."- Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

Living Word News

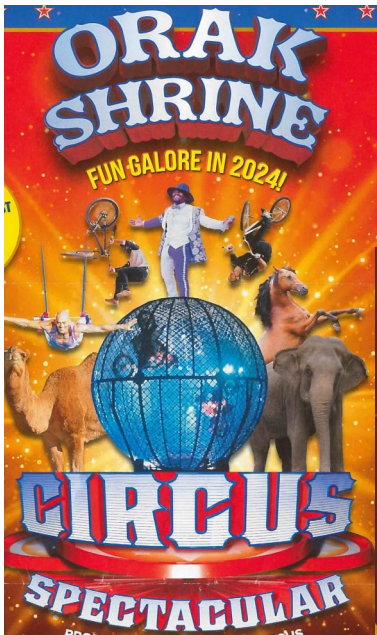
PRAYER REQUEST OF THANKSGIVING for Pastor John as he is in the regular assisted living building. He was reevaluated again last month. He has expressed that he is up to having some visitors and phone calls again. He is walking around more, he is still very leery to want to go out as he doesn't want to 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. 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.

PRAYER REQUEST for Eleanor Galik. She accidentally tripped a few weeks ago in her back yard and has a broken left hip. She was at Palos (Northwestern) Hospital until they were able to find an assisted living/rehab facility that has a physical therapy program and that her insurance would approve. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers and that she has a speedy and successful recovery from this fall. She is a very strong person and we know God will see her through this. She seen her primary doctor and her cardiologist this week. Her blood pressure is normal once again, and she continued with her plans to travel to Florida.

THANK YOU TO KRISTI for changing over the 2 outdoor planters last Sunday. She made beautiful holiday arrangement in each one for the upcoming Christmas season.

THANK YOU AGAIN to head elder Bill Merchantz. He has volunteered to lead us in worship for our Thanksgiving Eve service. This will allow Pastor Lee and Elaine to travel to his nephew's house in Columbus, OH for Thanksgiving dinner. They will return late Saturday evening to lead us in worship for both Thanksgiving Eve service and on Sunday morning. This way, Pastor and Elaine can leave a couple of days earlier and take their time to drive to Columbus ensuring more of a safe trip for them. Please be advised though that the time has changed just slightly, we will be having Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30 pm so that all who work that day will be able to have enough time to get home and attend service that night.

COUNCIL MEETING has now been scheduled for this Sunday, November 24th, after the service and before our meeting with President Buss. If there is an item that you would to have addressed at the meeting, please let Diana, Bill or Neal know.



FREE CHILD'S CIRCUS TICKETS available on the desk in the Fellowship Hall. We received 2 envelopes of tickets to the circus this week. Please feel free to help yourself. The tickets are for 1 free child's admission with a paid adult ticket. The dates are Friday, November 29th at 2pm and 7pm, Saturday, November 30th at 11am, 3pm and 7pm, and Sunday, December 1st at 1:30pm and 5:30 pm. Please see the poster that is on the bulletin board and the images to the left and below for more information.

www.spectacularcircus.com	
Buy Tickets at: spectacularcircus.com or Hammond Civic Center Box Office Monday thru Friday 8am - 4pm.	
 	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 2024 2:00PM & 7:00PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024 11:00AM, 3:00PM & 7:00PM	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2024 1:30PM & 5:30PM	
COME 1 hour before show times for family fun. Ride the animals and meet the circus stars!	
<small>PROCEEDS ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ORAK SHRINERS. PAYMENTS ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.</small>	

TRANSITION TEAM and the church council will be meeting with President Buss from NID and Pastor Schauer this Sunday, November 24th after our worship service. 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. Please keep all of us and the meeting in your prayers for God's will to be done for our church.

Mission of the Month

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH will be Lutherans for Life. We will be collecting the rest of November for this very worthwhile organization. At the end of November we will have all of your donations deposited into the General Fund and Bill will write a check to them and it will then get mailed to their headquarters. Also, if you would like to work on your Christmas shopping, check out their online store for fashionable apparel while supporting such a worthwhile cause. The website for their apparel is kori@heuss.com.

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Here We Stand to declare and defend the precious value of every human being.

Here We Stand to celebrate the many blessings of abundant and everlasting life.

Here We Stand for every human life, at each stage, in any state—no matter what she’s done, no matter what he can’t do.

Here We Stand from the invisible miracle of conception to the moment of natural death—because of God’s purpose, not our own plans.

Here We Stand behind Jesus Christ’s passion, not our own pride.

Here We Stand bearing His Holy Spirit’s presence, not our own capacities.

Here We Stand against sin and selfishness, death and the devil, not against one another.

Here We Stand speaking truth and sharing love—in joy and not out of anger, in hope and not out of fear.

Here We Stand for forgiveness and not comparison, for salvation and not competition; to relieve and release, not to accuse; to listen, assist, accompany, embrace, and befriend—not to attack.

Here We Stand with millions of His children around the world and multitudes across the centuries.

Here We Stand with you and for you, wherever you are, wherever you’ve been, wherever you’re going.

Preschool News

PLEASE KEEP OUR PRESCHOOL in your prayers and thoughts. We still currently have 4 children enrolled for this year, and would love to be able to have a few more 3 or 4 year olds to join our school. Diana is working very hard, she will be graduating in May from ISU and will be receiving her bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education in the summer. She already has a student signed up for next fall, and she is hoping to have one or two of her current students returning as they will not be age-eligible for kindergarten yet. She knows that there should be a couple of younger siblings that would be joining the class as well. This is such a wonderful ministry for our church but especially for our community, so please keep passing the word about what a wonderful program that she has here. She turned in the master order form for Nothing Bundt Cakes, so our goodies will be here before you know it. Thank you so much for generous donations throughout the month and for all the orders. We had given her an order total of 37 bundtlets. We received a check from them for \$55.00 for preschool. She picked up the cakes on Monday.

11-24-2024 Message Outline

“Stand Firm”

Psalm 93 says: “Your statutes, Lord, stand firm...”

1) God’s SALVATION stands firm.

⁴“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail. Isaiah 51:4-6

2) God’s SPIRIT stands firm.

²⁰But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. ²²Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. ²⁴To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—²⁵to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. Jude 20-25

3) God’s SON stands firm.

²⁴“But in those days, following that distress, “‘the sun will be dark-ened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ ²⁶“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. ²⁸“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵“Therefore, keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’” Mark 13:24-37

STARS FALLING FROM
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SURE.

IT'S THE UNRAVELING OF EVERY
THING THAT WE THINK IS
SECURE AND STABLE. ONLY THE
LOVE OF GOD FOR YOU IS
ETERNAL.

I WOULD PREFER IT
IF GOD'S LOVE DIDN'T
FREAK ME OUT!