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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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## "Praying the Promises of God"

According to one count, there are 3,573 promises in the Bible. That's almost ten promises for each day of the year. When you know which of those promises apply to you, and you fulfill the conditions that go with them, you can literally begin to pray God's promises into existence in your life (see *John 15:7*). Will your prayers be answered overnight? Some will, others won't. 'Be...followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises' (*Hebrews 6:12*). The most powerful prayer you can pray is, 'Lord, you promised in your Word that you would...and today I am praying and believing you for it.'

Here is how to pray:

**1) When you need guidance and direction.** 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye' (*Psalms 32:8*).

**2) When you need deliverance from a situation, or to be set free from a habit.** 'Call upon Me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me' (*Psalms 50:15*).

**3) When you need the strength to stand.** 'Fear not; for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand' (*Isaiah 41:10*).

**4) When you don't have enough to meet your needs.** 'My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus' (*Philippians 4:19*).

If you meditate in God's Word every day, each time a need arises, you will know which of His promises to claim in prayer (see *2 Peter 1:4*).

When you begin to pray scripturally based prayers, you will get the answers you need. Here is why: the Bible is God's Word, and He always keeps His Word. Here is how to pray:

**1) When you don't have the answer.** 'Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know' (v. 3).

**2) When you're worried and under stress.** 'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid' (*John 14:27*).

**3) When you need spiritual insight.** 'When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak of His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come' (*John 16:13*).

**4) When you need power for service.** 'He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do...that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it' (*John 14:12-14*).

**5) When you need God's blessing on your endeavors.** 'I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing' (*Ezekiel 34:26*).

Once you see the results of praying God's promises, you will never pray any other way.

## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Your Word is Gold. Thank You! In Jesus' name, Amen.

# March 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship Traditional Communion Hymnal Service Transfiguration of Our Lord	3	<b>4</b> 9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	<b>5</b> 9am–Noon Preschool  Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm	<b>6</b> 9am–Noon Preschool	7	<b>8</b> 
<b>9</b> 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Worship Service	10	<b>11</b> 9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	<b>12</b> 9am–Noon Preschool	<b>13</b> 9am–Noon Preschool	14	15
<b>16</b> 9:15am Bible Study 10:00am Blended Communion Worship Service 4:00pm Gretel Hansen Classical Music Concert 	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day 	<b>18</b> 9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	<b>19</b> 9am–Noon Preschool	<b>20</b> 9am–Noon Preschool First Day of Spring 	21	22
<b>23</b> 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Worship Service	24	<b>25</b> 9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	<b>26</b> 9am–Noon Preschool	<b>27</b> 9am–Noon Preschool 7:00pm Council Meeting (Tentatively)	28	29
<b>30</b> 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Worship Service	31	<div> <p>On Ash Wednesday,              Let Us Remind Ourselves              That None of Us Is Here              Forever, and We Are              Nothing but Dust.</p>  </div>				



**March 14** Diana Motel

## Happy Anniversary



**March 25** Peter & Donna Wasilkoff



*Happy Baptism  
Birthday!*

**March 1** Pam Hostert  
**March 4** Delores Urbank  
**March 10** Gary Meier  
**March 14** Matt Meier  
**March 15** Anita Meier  
**March 18** Ashley Meier  
**March 22** David Merchantz

## Stewardship Snapshot

**February 23rd**

**21 Worshipped**

**4 Watched Online**

**25 Total Worshipped**

### Financial Support

1,180.00 General Fund Deposit  
 190.00 Mission of the Month Deposit  
**\$1,370.00 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 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 March 4th.**

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

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**DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK** *So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. - Romans 8:6 (NLT)*

What are you thinking about these days? If your mind is steeped in pride, lust, wrath, envy and such, you will not draw closer to God. If you allow the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts toward humility, generosity, kindness, and building up others as you thank God for His love toward you, you will draw closer to Him. In this way, your mind will be renewed daily and bring life and peace.

**VERSE OF THE MONTH** 13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 *Corinthians 13.*

## Mission of the Month

**MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH** is our Technology Fund. We are hoping to upgrade our projectors and sound system in the sanctuary in the upcoming months. We know that both the projectors/screen and the sound system leave a lot to be desired and are outdated. We are getting quotes from a couple of different sources, one is from the company that helped us get the new copier, and the other one will be from some of our more technical minded members, lol. We will also need to help Mrs. Diana out with a new laptop for the preschool, I guess she is just doing too much teaching, lol.

## **March Mission of the Month Technology Fund**

**We are looking to upgrade our  
projectors, sound system, and  
Preschool laptop.**

## Easter Egg Hunt 2025

**EASTER EGG HUNT 2025** is coming quickly. Even though Easter is later this year, that time is fast approaching. It is scheduled for April 13th following our Palm Sunday worship service. We are hoping that it will be much better weather that day. If you are able to stay for a little while, we would greatly appreciate it if you could help check families in and direct their children to the appropriate age groups. We would also need people that come a little early to help spread out all those eggs. Diana already has around 40 kids that signed up for the event. All of our former preschool families already jumped on the website to get registered also.

**Easter Egg Hunt  
Sunday, April 13th @ 11:30  
Registration is required.  
Link available on our website.**



## Living Word News

**ASPIRE WOMEN'S EVENT** will be on Friday, April 4th at 7:00pm. The event will be held at Calvary Assembly of God Church, located at 18620 Governors Highway in Flossmoor. They will have an author and Bible teacher, comedian and a musician. There are handouts and information on the desk in the fellowship hall, and if you would like more information, please come see me in the office or give me a call.

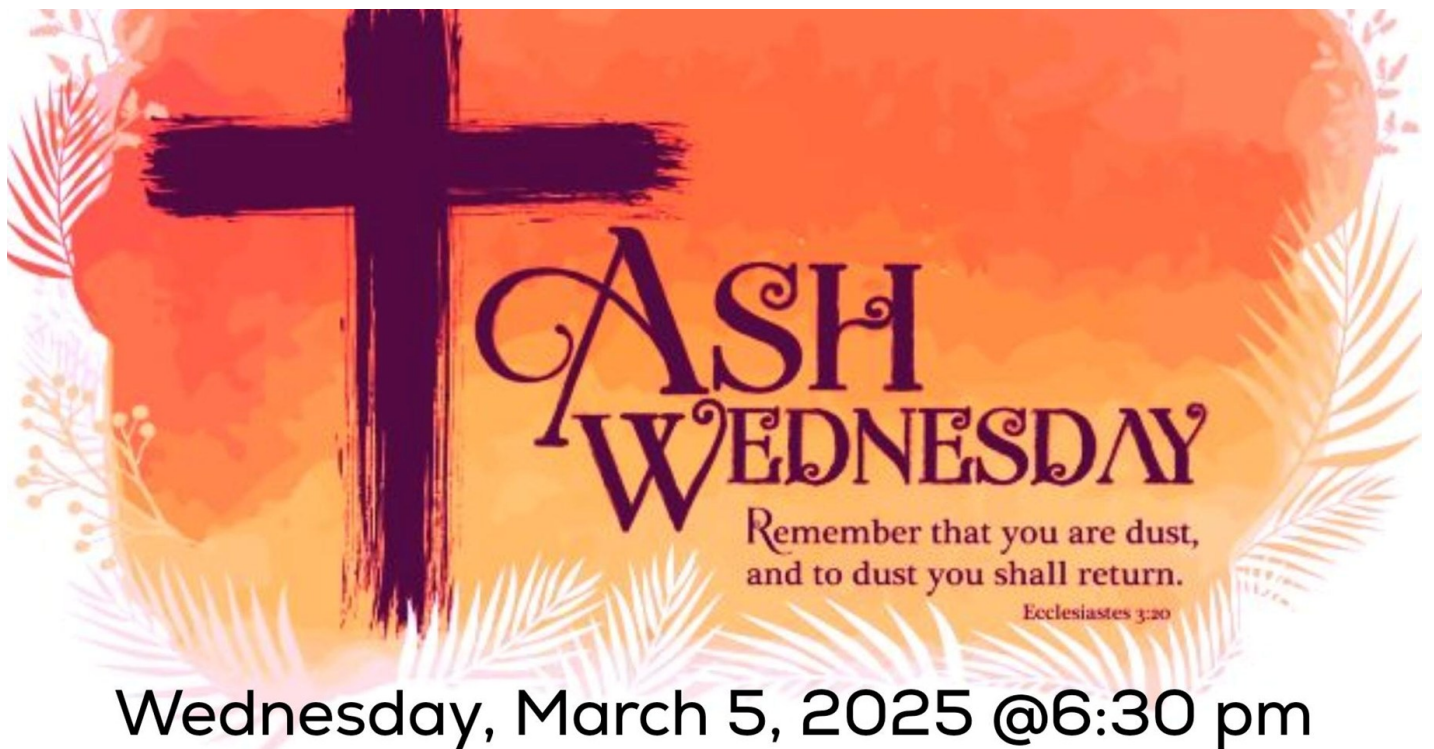
**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be March 5th at 6:30 pm. We would like to see our entire church family here for ashes and communion that evening as we begin the Lenten journey this year. We know lately our midweek evening services for certain times of the year is sometimes hard to make, if there is a better time or better time of day for you, please let us know, so that we can take that into consideration going forward. Thank you in advance for your participation and worship.

**THANK YOU LETTER** was received this week from Faith Comes By Hearing, it reads; *"We thank you for supporting Faith Comes By Hearing's Vision 2033 mission to record and freely provide Scripture in the world's languages. Your congregation's gift of \$160.00 provides communities practical and meaningful engagement with Audio Scripture. Thank you for your generosity. Every person who roots himself in God's Word benefits from the hope and peace Scripture provides. A small listening group in the Democratic Republic of the Congo continues to gather and listen to Scripture despite conflict in their region. One community member reports, 'Our country has been at war for years. The growing insecurity amidst this humanitarian catastrophe is undeniable. For us, the Audio Bible serves as a powerful wellspring of hope for peace.'"*

**VBS 2025** is now being posted and advertised on the website and Facebook, and several of our past VBS families have already commented and liked the new update! Diana has already reached out to the high schools last week to have them post for volunteers. If you know any high schoolers that need community service hours, this is a great way to get at least 20+ hours if they are able to work the whole week. We still have some volunteers who are working and going to college that has told Diana they will help out as much as possible. Sherri Grecci will of course be here helping out with snack time each day too.

**NEW CHURCH BANNERS** are being made here at church. We finished working on new Lenten banners for our church. Thank you so much to Kristi for getting this project off and running, she had her sister sew and hem the banners and she cut out all of the letters after Diana had made the stencils for us on her Cricut machine and then Kristi and I glued all of them onto the banners. She is now looking to do other banners, if you have any designs in mind or would like to help, please see Kristi for details.

**MUSIC CONCERT** will be performing here on March 16th at 4:00pm. Gretel Hansen's music students will be performing a Classical Music Concert here at Living Word in the sanctuary. Please plan to show your support for her and her very talented students. I am positive you will not be disappointed by their performance.



## 3-2-2025 Message Outline

### **“His Holy Mountain”**

Psalm 99 says: *“Worship at his holy mountain...”*

#### **1) Worship at Mount NEBO.**

<sup>34</sup> Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, <sup>2</sup> all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.” <sup>5</sup> And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. <sup>6</sup> He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. <sup>7</sup> Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. <sup>8</sup> The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. <sup>9</sup> Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup> Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup> who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. <sup>12</sup> For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

#### **2) Worship at the TEMPLE Mount.**

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. <sup>3</sup> Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. <sup>5</sup> “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. <sup>6</sup> But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Hebrews 3:1-6

#### **3) Worship at the Mount of TRANSFIGURATION.**

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) <sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Luke 9:28-36

