



**Ephesians 6:11**

**Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

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for immediate prayers





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9:15 am Adult study

IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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"Armed for Spiritual Warfare"

Every day you live, you will battle the world, the flesh, and the devil. In order to be armed for spiritual warfare, Paul gives us six specific pieces of spiritual armor.

**1) The sturdy 'belt of truth'.** During World War II, a plane flew many miles past its destination. Why? Because the crew, not realizing there were such strong tailwinds, refused to believe the cockpit instruments. As a result, everyone on board perished. Yet when the plane was found years later, the instruments were still in perfect working order. You can depend on God's Word to guide you right. Read it daily and believe it, no matter what your mind or emotions tell you.

**2) 'The body armor of God's righteousness' (v. 14).** Note, it is God's righteousness, not yours. You're not saved by trusting your own performance but by trusting Christ's performance on the cross. When you know that, God's righteousness becomes the breastplate that protects your heart from doubts about your salvation (see *2 Corinthians 5:21*).

**3) 'For shoes, put on...peace' (Ephesians 6:15).** Shoes indicate you're going somewhere, so don't expect to hear from God if you're determined to remain frozen in the same spot. When you start moving ahead, He confirms the rightness of your direction by giving you a sense of peace . You 'know in your knower' that you're on the right track. When you don't have peace about it, seek God for direction. This is particularly important if you're a self-starter who loves what you do. God wants you to have an abiding sense of His peace – so, don't go without it.

**4) 'You will need faith as your shield' (v. 16).** For what? *'To stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan'* (v. 16). Do you remember in the old western movies the battles between the Native Americans and the settlers? The settlers circled the wagons, and the Native Americans shot flaming arrows into them. They both understood that you can't fight fires and fight foes at the same time; flaming arrows are a distraction. Satan uses the same tactic. But faith (focusing on God's Word) snuffs out those flaming arrows.



**5) 'Put on salvation as your helmet'.** This helmet protects your mind. When Satan whispers, 'If you were really a Christian, you wouldn't have...', you repel his attacks by knowing your identity in Christ – a blood-bought, totally forgiven, seen-as-righteous, heaven-bound child of God.

**6) 'Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God'.** *'The word of God'* referred to here isn't *logos* (the written word) but *rhéma*, which means 'utterance'. It calls for speaking God's Word to defeat Satan; utilizing the right Scripture at the right time to deal with the problem. That's why Satan fights you so hard over Bible reading. Three times he attacked Jesus in the wilderness, and three times Jesus answered, *'It is written'* (*Matthew 4:4-10*). He demolished Satan with Scripture! The devil can out-argue you, but he has no defense against the Word of God. So, memorize the Scriptures, and use them as a weapon to defeat him.

Your spiritual armor must be put on correctly so that all the pieces fit; otherwise, you're vulnerable to defeat at Satan's hands. So, how do you do that? Paul tells us how: *'Pray in the Spirit at all times.'* Your clothes closet is where you find what you need to wear in the natural realm, and your prayer closet is where you find what you need to wear in the spiritual realm. Only through prayer do you become clothed for spiritual warfare, so don't go into battle undressed. Paul writes, *'Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh'* (*Romans 13:14*). That's one of the most effective verses in Scripture when it comes to winning over temptation.

If you keep your eyes on Jesus, it will not matter what kind of lie or temptation Satan throws your way. Every now and then you may want to 'go for it', but if you stay focused on Jesus and listen to His voice alone, you will be victorious in the fight.

# This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>15</b> <b>9:15am Adult Bible Study</b> <b>10:00am Blended Communion Worship Service</b> <b>Trinity</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>10:00am Push Prayer</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>First Day of Summer</b> 	<b>21</b>

## June Celebrations

### Happy Anniversary



**June 17** Nikki & Bob G.



**June 18** Eileen R.



**June 15** Bob G.  
**June 17** Karen G.  
**June 20** Paige H.

## Stewardship Snapshot

### June 8th

**24 Worshipped**  
**7 Watched Online**  
**31 Total Worshipped**

### Financial Support

1,166.00 General Fund Offering  
 240.00 God Is Able Building Use  
 260.00 Designated Funds (Police Bibles)  
**\$1,666.00 Total 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 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>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:8*

"THIS MAN...YOU  
CRUCIFIED AND  
KILLED!?"  
PETER ISN'T  
PULLING ANY  
PUNCHES!



IT'S TRUE, WHEN  
HE START'S  
PREACHING, HE  
GETS RIGHT TO IT.



BUT WHAT'S **MIRACULOUS** IS  
THAT, AFTER BETRAYING  
JESUS HIMSELF, HE CAN  
**SPEAK AT ALL!**



MAYBE HE WAS  
MAKING UP FOR  
LOST WORDS!





### Lutheran Church Charities June 2025 Mission of the Month

Lutheran Church Charities works throughout the United States and Internationally in bringing the Mercy, Compassion, Presence, and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those suffering and in need.

They offer different ministrys including K-9 Comfort Dogs, Kare 9 Military Ministry, K- 9 Police Ministry, Disaster Response, Human Care Ministry, and Hearts of Mercy& Compassion

**LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry** was launched in August of 2008, and it is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ. They serve everyday in the community in which they are placed in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders and the volunteers who serve them.

**LCC Kare 9 Military Ministry** is a ministry by veterans for veterans. They strive to serve our military veterans and their families. The Kare-9 Military Ministry dogs and their trained veteran handlers visit many places including VFWs, VA hospitals, Traumatic Brain Injury Care Centers, homes of veterans that are home bound, Expos, Vet Clinics and various other activities to help spread the mercy and compassion.

**LCC K-9 Police Ministry** handlers are law enforcement officers (current and former) who understand the unique challenges facing the law enforcement community. They bring the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who protect and serve, as well as their families. Crisis Response serves the law enforcement and family members in their time of need, by providing comfort following injuries, deaths or major incidents. Ongoing Support is the K-9 visits (headquarters, substations and dispatch centers), provides assistance with department missions such as Christmas shopping with children, summer camps and public events, comforting crime victims prior to interviews, counseling or courtroom testimonies, and general support for department members and their families.

**LCC Disaster Response Ministries** coordinates deployment of trained volunteers for Disaster Response. When disasters strike; lives, homes, businesses, churches and more are affected. LCC L.E.R.T. volunteers respond quickly to serve people affected by a disaster. LCC teams are trained to work through local churches to serve their communities. LCC Disaster Response provides on-site and online (L.E.R.T.) basic training. Additional training includes expertise in the area of chainsaw, heavy equipment, debris removal, flood recovery, and emotional and spiritual care.

**Hearts of Mercy and Compassion (HMC), Crosses for Losses** provides a physical and spiritual symbol through the giving of hearts and crosses to families and friends who have suffered a loss or are experiencing the illness of a loved one. An HMC can also be given to celebrate a victory, honor service, as an expression of love, or to be an encouragement in the face of adversity. Given as a gift, each HMC provides the love and hope of Jesus through presence and prayer. Upon request, LCC, working through churches, can provide an HMC at no charge.



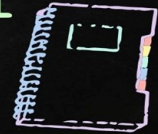
## Preschool 2025

# PRESCHOOL

## Open house

Living Word Lutheran Church  
in Orland Park

Saturday, June 28th  
11 am - 12:30pm



## VBS 2025

**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. Sherri was just here this week picking up the snack book to get the list ready for us.



# VBS 2025

## Save the date!

Living Word Lutheran Church  
Orland Park, IL  
July 21st-25th

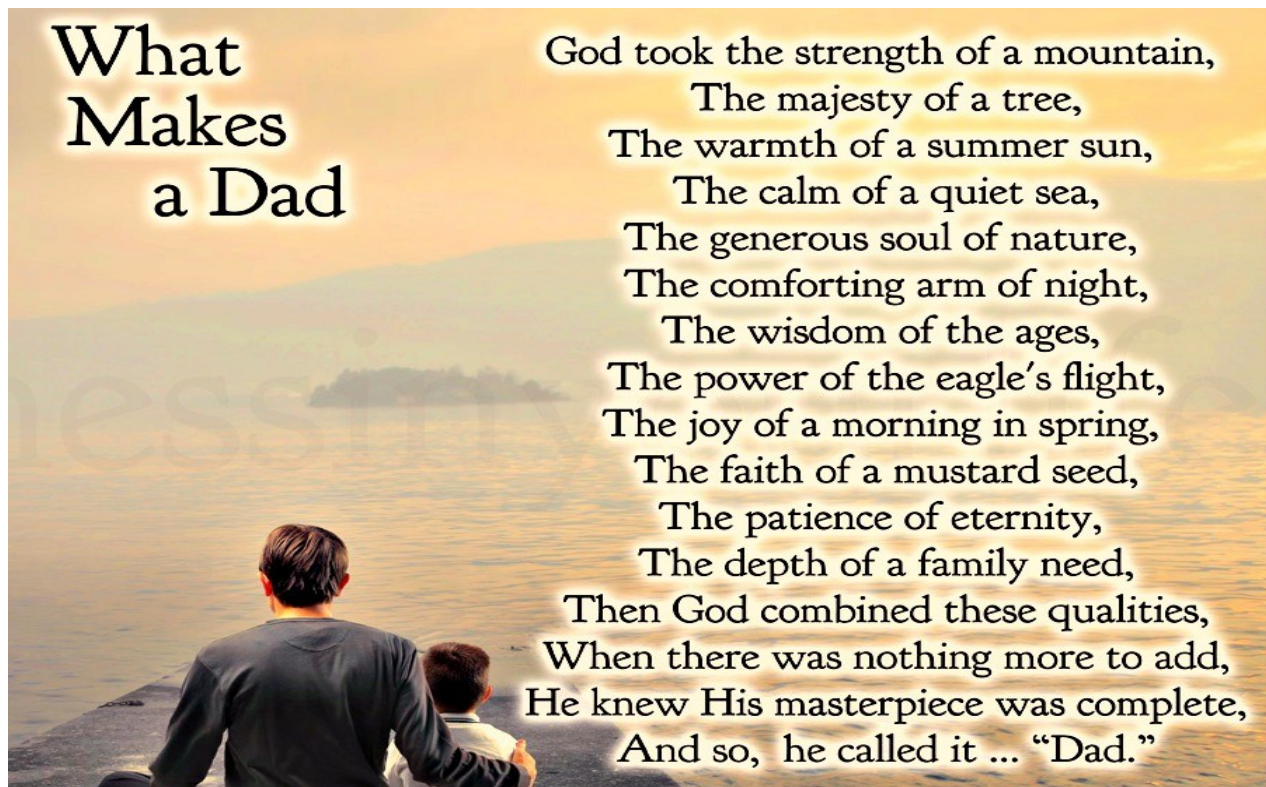
## Living Word News

**MOWERS NEEDED** even though we only have the one working mower as of right now, it would be greatly appreciated if we could get more volunteers for the mowing ministry. For right now, Neal Hartz and George Hostert has been doing the fronts and sides of the church yard. Ed Baidis does the back field. I know in the past year or two, we've had a few others come out when they could and take care of the mowing. I will print out the mowing schedule once again for this year, so our other mowers can choose the days that best works for them. If we can get at least 4 volunteers, it will only be once a month that you would have to do it, or less if we have any periods of drought. Our old mower was found out to be 23 years old, and in need of many repairs. Neal has found a landscaper that will sell us a used mower with a three year warranty on it. We are hoping that will be here this week. My apologies if I forgot to mention anyone to thank and recognize in previous newsletters, it was never my intention to overlook all you do for us. Thank you all for everything that you do for our church, it is greatly appreciated.

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** is scheduled for June 28th. If any of your friends or family members are looking for a preschool for their little ones, please remember to pass the word along to them about Diana's fantastic program here. She is looking to have school 5 days a week if she can get enough families that would want full week preschool. As of right now, one family is interested and by November they will have 2 children registered for the 5-day program.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** was held last Sunday, June 8th. We voted on calling Pastor Collin Ford to be our sole pastor at Living Word Lutheran Church. The ballots and the link to watch the meeting live were emailed prior to Sunday, plus the they were also emailed after the meeting to watch the recorded version. The votes have all been counted and if the vote was unanimous to extend a Call to Pastor Ford. Ken texted Pastor Ford to let him know that Diana will email and send out hard copies of the Call documents via registered mail to him, which was done on Wednesday morning. Thank you for your vote and attendance. Please keep Pastor Ford and his wife, Abigail in your prayers while they prayerfully consider accepting our Call.

**CHURCH FLYERS** have all been printed, all 2,400+ that is, lol. They all have been folded with everyone's help. Thank you for bringing them back in time to be brought to the post office. Originally we were planning on having a pizza lunch for everyone who was going to help us, but we understand that June is very busy, and we would like to have these flyers in everyone's mailbox at least a week or two before the Preschool Open House. 2,304 flyers have been bundled and dropped off at the Orland Park Post Office this week. Thank you all for all of your effort and hard work. We know this was a very huge task and we could not have done it without your help. Since this our first time doing this outreach, we do plan on doing these mailings at least every 3 or 4 months maybe, depending on our events and if we get any positive outcome or responses from this endeavor. We are however exploring other options for the folding aspect of this project. We will keep you informed with those details as they become available to us. Thank you again for all of your help. The Baidis, the Boehms, Diana, Neal, Bill, Malia, Eleanor, Phil and George.





**“Yahweh Our Adonai”**

*“LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”*  
Psalm 8:1

**1) Yahweh our Adonai “SET THE HEAVENS IN PLACE”.**

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup> At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup> beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: <sup>4</sup> “To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind... <sup>22</sup> “The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; <sup>23</sup> I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. <sup>24</sup> When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; <sup>25</sup> before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, <sup>26</sup> before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. <sup>27</sup> I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. <sup>30</sup> Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind. Proverbs 8:1-4a, 22-31

**2) Yahweh our Adonai poured out His promised SPIRIT.**

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ... <sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him: “I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, <sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.” <sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”” <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” Acts 2:14a, 22-36

**3) Yahweh our Adonai is Father, Spirit and SON.**

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?” <sup>49</sup> “I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup> I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.” <sup>52</sup> At this they exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?” <sup>54</sup> Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. <sup>55</sup> Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup> “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” <sup>58</sup> “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” <sup>59</sup> At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds. John 8:48-59

