

IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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The psalmist wrote, *"You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance."* When trouble comes, you can turn to God and hide in Him. How? By surrounding yourself with songs of deliverance. Ruth Ward Heflin gives us the road map into God's presence: "You praise until the spirit of worship comes, you worship until the glory comes, then you stand in the glory." And that is where "all things are possible." God told Jeremiah, *"I am ready to perform My word"*. That includes His Word when it's set to music. The harp David used to worship God on the hillsides while he tended his flocks was the same harp God used to deliver King Saul from the spirits that held him in the grip of depression. That wasn't the only time God used a musician to bring about a miracle. When the people of Judah faced extinction because of drought, Elisha, the prophet, said, *"Now bring me a musician."* Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him. And he said, *"Thus says the LORD: 'Make this valley full of ditches'"*. God filled every one of those ditches with water and gave them a spectacular victory over their enemies. Singer Julie True says: "On a spiritual level, music bypasses our mind and goes straight to our heart, soul, and spirit. It touches places that nothing else can reach... Worship opens the heavens and moves God's heart." Even science agrees that music has healing power. Today, we have music therapists who play sounds that set captives free in hospitals, special educational needs classrooms, nursing homes, and other environments. Harvard University researchers, among others, are reporting that music is a healing balm and the physical stress of premature birth. They have also learned that music can improve surgical outcomes, help to restore lost speech, reduce side effects of cancer therapy, relieve pain, improve mood, and battle depression. Dr Gottfried Schlaug, a Harvard University neurologist, told the *Los Angeles Times*, "Music might provide an alternative entry point to the brain because it can unlock so many different doors into an injured or ill brain." His research shows that pitch, harmony, melody, rhythm, and emotion, which are all components of music, engage different parts of the brain – parts of the brain that are also important for speech, movement, and social interaction.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Please call the office for immediate prayers



Living in the Word...that the Word may live in others.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:15 am Adult study

"He sent His word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions". So, when music is the medium used to praise God and express His creative and life-changing Word, you begin to see its potential to bring deliverance. That was certainly so for Paul and Silas: *"At midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed"*.

Change your attitude. Change your environment. Change your outlook. Start surrounding yourself with songs of deliverance! The original King James Bible says, *"O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel."* The New King James Bible says, *"You are...enthroned in the praises of Israel."* You say, "Which translation is accurate?" Both are accurate. The word *"inhabit"* pictures a dweller who feels right at home. And the word **"enthroned"** pictures someone in a position of power and authority, someone who can give orders and make things happen. So, God is at home in our praise; His power is released through our praise.

When God created the world, He did it with words – sound. So, God's power can travel through sound. And certain sounds move His heart. Certain sounds invoke His presence. Certain sounds move Him to action. The key to deliverance, which means to be set free, is in having an encounter with God. And songs of deliverance can set the stage for such an encounter with God. Now picture yourself "soaking" in the presence of God. Your emotions are quiet, your spirit is attuned to God's presence, you can hear what He has to say and receive from Him what you need. That's what happens when you surround yourself with **"songs of deliverance."**

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship Traditional Communion Hymnal Service	8	9 10:00am Push Prayer	10	11	12	13

June Celebrations

Stewardship Snapshot

 <p>June 12 George Hostert</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Anniversary</i></p>  <p>June 8 Bev & Randy Hodo June 11 Rose & Jim McKinney</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 31st</p> <p>20 Worshipped <u>5 Watched Online</u> 25 Total Worshipped</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Financial Support</p> <p>\$780.00 General Fund Offering <u>290.00</u> Mission of the Month Offering \$1,070.00 Total General Fund Deposit</p>
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Devotional Time

Opportunities to Connect with God RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

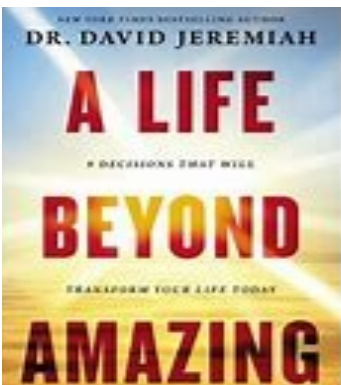
- **Worship Anew**—8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD) , WPWR channel 50, AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495; 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

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. We are always looking for people to join us in prayer to our Lord.

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit *Matthew 28:18-19*

God the Sender, send us. God the Sent, come with us. God the Strengtheners of those who go, empower us, that we may go with you and find those who will call you Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE MONTH ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. *Romans 5:3-5*



A LIFE BEYOND AMAZING is the next Bible study which will be starting in the next week or two.

DAVID JEREMIAH is the author of both books. Captured by Grace teaches us that most Christians know that they are saved by grace, but some of us don't realize that we live by grace everyday. The lessons in the book will show us how we can apply the principles of God's grace to our lives. Please let Neal know if you are interested in joining either of this study, so he can order enough books for everyone. A Life Beyond Amazing shows us how we can be the person God has intended us to be. There is a better way to experience life for all of us. It uncovers God's strategy for and challenges us to make nine important decisions that will transform our lives.



JOIN US FOR VBS

July 20th-24th
9AM- NOON
AGES 3 TO 11

Registration required
Register by June 15th
to get a shirt.

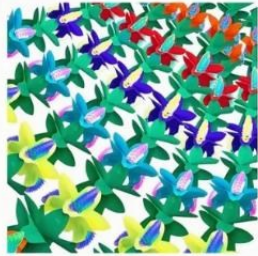
Registration link



VBS 2026 is next month already. Diana just finished up with preschool seems like and now she is getting everything ready for VBS. Living Word will be in the middle of the Rain Forest next month, lol. She already has 51 kids signed up for it and her high school volunteers are already letting her know that they will be here once again to help out. As the month of July gets closer, she will have a supply list for the crafts and snacks that she needs for that week. Also, if you happen to have any free time during the week in the mornings, we can always use extra help especially on the first day, checking the kids in, collecting the registration fee and getting them in their perspective groups. So if you have about 30-40 minutes even to spare, we would greatly appreciate whatever you can do for us. As always thank you so much for all of your support in this great event.



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Spakon 9 Pieces...
4.6 ★★★★★ (446)
\$17⁹⁹ (\$2.00/count)



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6PCS Tropical Garland...
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3 Pcs 2026 Vbs Jungle...
4.4 ★★★★★ (61)
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18 x 6 ft Rainforest...
5.0 ★★★★★ (11)
\$31⁹⁹ List: \$36.99



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33 Pcs Rainforest Vbs...
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218 Pcs 2026 VBS Jun...
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3 Pcs Rainforest...
4.6 ★★★★★ (18)
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VBS WISH LIST has been created on Amazon. Please let me know if you need me to send you the link. Help transform Living Word into the Orland Park Rain Forest, lol. Please save your receipts and I will add them to your tax statements. If you do find anything that is rain forest themed at other stores, that works too.

PRAYERS for Eleanor Galik. She fell in the yard on Monday and broke her hip. She had surgery on Tuesday. They put a screw in one place and she had a chip that they had to remove in a different place. I talked with her on Wednesday afternoon, she said that she was doing much better than she was on Tuesday. They're not sure how long she will need to stay in the hospital depending on her progress. She was able to put about 50% of her weight on the side that they did the surgery. Currently she is at Northwestern Hospital (Palos) in room 3626. Please keep her in your prayers for a quick recovery.

WE RECEIVED A DONATIONS REQUEST this week from the Bridge Teen Center. If you are purging or downsizing at home, please keep the following in mind, Thank you for any help you can give to them.

Donation Drop-Off Locations

The Bridge Thrift Store – Orland Park—15605 S. 71st Court, Orland Park, IL 60462 (behind Dunkin')

Donations can be dropped off inside the donation trailer behind our store. Furniture can be unloaded at the designated garage door.

Bridge Thrift Home & Restoration – Frankfort—21420 S. Harlem Ave, Frankfort, IL 60423 (behind Walgreens)

Donations can be dropped off under the donation overhang behind our store. Furniture can be unloaded at the nearby furniture door.

Donation Hours/Store Hours (Both Locations)

Tuesday & Thursday: 10 AM – 7 PM; Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 10 AM – 5 PM; Sunday & Monday: Closed

Donations are currently needed at both The Bridge Thrift Store in Orland Park and Bridge Thrift Home & Restoration in Frankfort. Donations of furniture, home décor, glassware & dishes, books & media, antiques, jewelry, clothing, shoes, and more help support local teens through the mission of The Bridge Teen Center. Donations can be dropped off during store hours at either location. For donation guidelines, store hours, and locations, visit bridgethrift.org. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of local teens.

Preschool News

PRECHOOL WISH LIST on Amazon. Mrs. Diana had created a wish list on Amazon last week. The past few years, Diana has been supplying all of the items that her classroom has needed throughout the school year without being compensated. We know how expensive that can get, so in order to help her out a little, here is a wish list on Amazon. Here is the link to the list she has created: https://www.amazon.com/registries/guest-view/20NAPMBATD5WA?ref=cm_sw_r_apann_ggr-subnav-share_MNF6H1V8W4DMC469VA9T&language=en-US If you happen to find somethings cheaper elsewhere, then by all means feel free to buy them where the items are cheaper. Some of the items on the list are under \$10. Thank you to the ones who bought some of the items, the children had a blast with them. As always thank you for your overwhelming generosity and supporting our preschool and their classroom. Even though its summer, remember Mrs. Diana and her class room for next year.

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4-Tier Clear Acrylic Paper...
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Save 19%
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Play Doh Modelin...
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First Magic Painting Under the Sea
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Mission of the Month

REDEEMING LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES was the Mission of the Month for May. Diana and I had a meeting with one of the Program Managers for their new Illinois Pregnancy Home. Currently they have one lady there with her little baby. They offer educational, spiritual and financial counseling to all their residents. Thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity, we collected \$290 for them.



Camp Lutherhaven
Outdoor Ministry Center

June Mission of the Month

Camp Lutherhaven is a year-round outdoor ministry center dedicated to creating adventurous, fun, faith-building experiences for people of all ages. It's located just 26 miles northwest of Fort Wayne amidst the rolling hills of Northeast Indiana.

Camp Lutherhaven is a year-round outdoor ministry center that since 1949 has been dedicated to creating adventurous, faith-building experiences for children, youth, adults, and families. Our carefully chosen staff, along with a program that includes recreation, God's Word, group activities, Christian fellowship, worship, personal growth, and of course tons of fun, combine to create an unforgettable experience. Camp is located amidst the rolling hills of Northeast Indiana. It is blanketed by hardwood forests of oak and hickory, and resides on the shores of Lake Muncie. It is a place of adventure, growth, fun, and refuge.

Mission

The mission of Camp Lutherhaven is to reach out with the love of Christ by providing the setting and resources to strengthen the faith of individuals and complement the ministry of churches.

Core Values

Christ

As our Lord and Savior, Christ is the foundation of who we are. He is the reason for our passion, the focus of our aim, and He empowers us every step of the way as we pursue our mission.

Relationships

Every person is valuable, as demonstrated by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Because of this, we work in the context of safe and authentic relationships, acknowledging each journey of faith and life story.

The Outdoors

We have been blessed with a beautiful outdoor setting which is the primary environment where our mission is carried out. As stewards of God's creation we care for what is around us and it inspires us to educate, admire, enjoy, and join with all created things in giving glory to God.

Community

We strive to be a healthy, Christian community. In each shared experience joys are celebrated and challenges are met together. Our community is defined by God's grace, as we pursue honesty, safety, servant hood, and fun.

Excellence

Excellence matters because our mission matters. This is why we will remain focused on God's Word, as the Spirit guides us to be people of integrity who work hard, and seek quality, sustainability, and growth.

Statement of Faith

Lutherhaven's affiliation and confession of faith is that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod where it is also a Recognized Service Organization. However, our programs are open to everyone, so bring your friends!

6-7-2026 Message Outline

“Teach Me”

“Teach me knowledge and good judgment,
for I trust your commands.” Psalm 119:66

1) “Teach me to **ACKNOWLEDGE** you.”

¹⁵ Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face—in their misery they will earnestly seek me.” **6** “Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. ³ Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.” ⁴ “What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. ⁵ Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth— then my judgments go forth like the sun. ⁶ For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings. Hosea 5:15-6:6

2) “Teach me to **BELIEVE** you.”

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. ¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” ²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Romans 4:13-25

3) “Teach me to **FOLLOW** you.”

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” Matthew 9:9-13

