

Message from
Pastor Davis



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Dear Living Word Family,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! We have entered the season of Easter, which is one of rejoicing. We rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the days He spent with the disciples and others before He ascended into heaven. We enjoy these days prior to the Ascension and give thanks for all the eyewitnesses who shared their experience with the risen Lord that we receive today, two thousand years later.



As I rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, I also rejoice in all of you. Our Lenten journey was truly blessed. I was overwhelmed by Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. During this season, you all welcomed the newest little Davis into the Living Word family with great love. You also voted to move forward with supporting a group of local laity in planting a new church in Slinger, if the Lord so wills.

Thank you. Thank you for the love you have shown my family. Thank you for the love you have shown each other during our Lenten season. Thank you for listening to the voice of God and being willing to help the Lord's kingdom grow in our local communities. Thank you for the countless volunteers—those in public and those silently working behind the scenes—who made our Lenten journey possible. Thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord and grow in a generous life. I pray each day that I may bless you, by the grace of God, as you have blessed me and my family.

This spring we are seeking to increase our congregational involvement through volunteering. Please spend some time in prayer, asking God how He may be inviting you to serve in new ways. Talk as a family how the Lord may be leading you to serve. And together, let us ask the Lord to bless our serving hands, not that we would be noticed by our actions, but rather that people would see the resurrected Christ, and know that He is the source of all life and hope.

In Christ,

Pastor Davis

WORSHIP WITH US

Sundays at 9:00 am

Fellowship Time **after service**

Adult Bible Study/ Returns in September
Sunday School

Ministries include Confirmation, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Prayer Chain, Youth Group, Ageless Wonders and Soles for Jesus.

Our **Child Development Center (CDC)** is dedicated to building a Christian foundation for families with young children to grow in their faith, knowledge, individuality and socialization. The CDC serves children from six weeks to twelve years old through 3K, 4K, full-day, and before and after-school programs.

Rooted in faith and growing in God's Word, we experience joyful, Christ-centered praise and worship, boldly share our faith, and serve all people.

BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00 am

Join your sisters in Christ for "**Meant for Good**," a study of Joseph's character, faithfulness, patience, and forgiveness. God gave Joseph's life a purpose beyond his circumstances, and He does the same for us as well. **Last session before summer: May 20. Orphan Grain Train packing: May 27. Contact:** Roz Handschke at rosandmark@gmail.com.
Women's Bible Study will return in September.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Mondays, 7:00 pm

The current study is "**Who Am I and What Am I Doing Here?**" which features Joel Biermann, systematics professor at the St. Louis Seminary. **Contact:** Tom Beineke at thomas.beineke@yahoo.com.

LADIES SMALL GROUP, Thursdays, 1:30 pm

The group will complete its study of Isaiah on **June 19** and will be off until September. **Contact:** Carolyn Fiedler at mission63@aol.com.

YOUTH GROUP, 6:00-8:00 pm, alternating Sundays

Enjoy fun, faith and fellowship, while learning more about Apologetics. **Check calendar for dates. Contact:** Sarah Greenhow at sarah.nowickio8@gmail.com.

Living Word Lutheran Church & Child Development Center

LEADERSHIP

Pastor

Rev. Christopher Davis

CDC Administrator

Tamara Breckenfelder

Elders

Chuck Luedtke, *Chair*

Tom Beineke

Norm Finster

Ryan Hansen

Todd Klumb

Marty Lowitz

Elders meet the first Tuesday of the month

Church Council

Peter Chapman, *Chair*

John Russell, *Vice Chair*

Joan Laehn, *Treasurer*

Michael Marshall, *Secretary*

Kyle Greenhow

Danielle Pfaff

Kyle Radovich

The next Church Council meeting is **6:30 pm, Monday, May 19**

Minutes from all Council meetings (held six times a year) are available for review by request any time at the Church office. If any Living Word Church member has a proposed agenda item, contact the Church office.

Living Word is a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

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SOUND UPGRADE MATCHING GRANT

*Help make listening to the
Word of God clearer and easier
with a new sound system!*

An anonymous donor is offering a generous **matching grant opportunity up to \$10,000** to improve the sound technology in the Worship Center as the current system nears the end of its life. All donations will be doubled up to \$10,000. We encourage you to prayerfully consider making a special gift to help us reach our goal. Special envelopes are available at the front desk. If you choose to give by check, please write **Sound System Upgrade** on the memo line. To learn more, contact **Pastor Davis** at pastor.davis@mylivingword.com

Scenes from the 2025 Ladies Day In *Unshakeable*

More than 100 women gathered on March 15 for a day filled with faith, enrichment and a little pampering. ***Unshakeable*** featured keynote speaker Beverly Yahnke, crafts, massage, movement, prayer and more!



2025 CONFIRMANDS



On April 27, two students were confirmed in their faith, **Christina Hoffman** and **Marleigh Leonard**. Please keep them in your prayers as they continued their faith journey and grow in their love of Christ.

Monthly Recap

YTD giving through 3/31/2025

March Giving: \$39,986

Monthly Budgeted Need: \$27,135

YTD Giving \$107,669

Sunday Attendance

- Mar. 30 154
- Apr. 6 153
- Apr. 13 153
- Apr. 20 245
- Apr. 27 170

2025 Average Attendance: 153

SHARING TIME & TALENTS

“Living Word is a welcoming family of faith who trusts God and tells everyone they are treasured by Jesus.”

Sharing your time and talents is one way to welcome others and show how everyone is treasured by Jesus. Look through these opportunities to see where you feel called to serve, then scan the QR code below to signup online or [click here](#).

Scan here



SUNDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Time Commitment is about once per month and can be adapted to individual schedules. Training provided.

- **Acolytes** light and extinguish candles on the altar before, during and after worship services. *(Two per service)*
- **Altar Guild** volunteers arrive early to prepare the Lord's Supper for placement on the altar. Fill wine cups, the chalice and wafer platen. After worship, clean and store dishware. *(One to two per service)*
- **Fellowship volunteers** bring a snack, make coffee, set out beverage service, and do light kitchen cleanup after fellowship. *(Two to three per Sunday)*
- **Lectors** read pre-assigned scripture during worship service. *(One per service)*
- **Powerpoint Operators** run the Powerpoint, advancing slides in sync with the service. *(One per service)*
- **Ushers prepare church prior to service, welcome people, hand out bulletins, collect offerings and direct members for Lord's Supper.** *(Two to three per service)*

EDUCATION

Time Commitment for Sunday School teachers is every Sunday, September through May. Substitute leaders and CDC volunteers are by arrangement.

- **Sunday School teachers and substitute teachers** engage children PreK through high school in God's Word, using the *Answers in Genesis* curriculum.
- **CDC volunteers** read stories, help with lunch and/or crafts.
- **Vacation Bible School** volunteers help in a variety of ways, including leading or assisting with classes, helping with crafts or games, preparing and serving snacks, and assisting with registration, set-up and/or take-down. [See article page 8.](#)

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Time Commitment: Varies

Share your expertise as a handyman or woman by helping with repair and maintenance projects throughout the year.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Time Commitment: Varies

Volunteers help plan, set-up, take down and prepare and serve food for major events, such as the **Church Picnic** (early September) **Fall Craft Fair** (first weekend in November), **Ladies Day In** (Spring) and **Trunk or Treat** (mid-October) and other events during the year. These opportunities are advertised closer to the event date.

Email the office at info@mylivingword.com to learn more.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace”

1 Peter 4:10



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



MAY THEME: SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

"He has made everything beautiful in its time."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Toddlers at work and play in Miss Dani's room.

IMPORTANT DATES

4:00 pm, May 22
4K Graduation
*Last day of 4K &
part-day 3K*

May 27
CDC closed for
Memorial Day

June 6
Summer Splash
starts



CDC NEWS

Culver's Fundraising -Thank you to everyone who came out to support the CDC on April 16 at the Culvers fundraiser night. Thanks to your support, we raised **more than \$1,200** for supplies, materials and more.

Fall Registration: 2025-26
WBSD 4K is for children in the West Bend School District who are at least four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2025.



MAY 5-11

Teacher Appreciation Week is an opportunity to say thank you to the teachers at Living Word CDC, who work hard and dedicate their days to caring for little ones in our community! **After church on May 4**, a door offering will be collected to bless our teachers with drinks, snacks, and breakfast items for the break room for the week.

Living Word Lutheran Church & Child Development Center

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Confirmation 9:00 am Worship 11:30 am-3:30 pm Rental	28 6:30 pm, Den Mtg 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	29 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study	30 7:00 pm Praise Team	1 1:30 pm Ladies' Small Group	2	3 6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting
Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday						
4 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group Mtg 6:30 pm, Cub Scouts Cmte Mtg	5 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	6 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Elders' Meeting	7 6:30 pm Soccer Team Dinner 7:00 pm Praise Team	8 1:30 pm Ladies' Small Group 6:15 pm CDC Staff Meeting 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	9	10
11 9:00 am Worship	12 6:30 pm, Den Mtg 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	13 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	14 12 pm Music Director Mtg 7:00 pm Praise Team	15 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack Meeting	16	17
18 9:00 am Worship 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group Mtg	19 6:30 pm Church Council 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	20 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study	21	22 4:00 pm, 4k Graduation 1:30 pm Ladies' Small Group	23	24
25 9:00 am Worship	26 Memorial Day CDC/CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	27 9:15-11:00 am Orphan Grain Train packing	28 7:00 pm Praise Team	29 1:30 pm Ladies' Small Group	30	31

Sunday Worship Volunteers Living Word Lutheran Church

May 2025

Areas of Service	Sunday May 4	Sunday May 11	Sunday May 18	Sunday May 25	Sunday June 1	Sunday June 8
Ushers	Kurt M. Chris R. Adam S.	Marty L. Bryan P. Adam S.	Michael M. John R. Adam S.	Tom B. Peter C. Adam S.	Ray H. Scott P. Adam S.	Kurt M. Chris R. Adam S.
Communion Assistants	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lector	Crystal Z.	Audra A.	Nick S.	Jessi S..	Lisa C.	Mike K.
Acolytes	Matthias L. Hudson Z.	Silas & Ezra H.	Lydia D. Christina H.	Hayden & Marleigh L.	Penny & Desmond D.	Lillian & Karissa A.
Altar Guild	Kelli Jo A.	Kathy F.	Joan L.	Nancy P.	Jill K.	Gina L.
PowerPoint	Boston Z.	Zeke S.	Eliza A.	Silas H.	Celia A.	Zeke S.
Fellowship	Roz H. Connie H. Kay V.	Bonnie W. Karen K. Bonnie & Jerry G.	Brian & Karen K. Gail C. Bridget S.	Joan L. Mary Jo & Chris R. Carolyn F.	Connie H. Roz H. Jan H.	Bonnie & Jerry G. Karen K. Kay V.

Advance Schedule Subject to Change

If you are unable to volunteer when assigned, please contact another volunteer to make a substitution.

HEAD TRUE NORTH WITH LIVING WORD VBS THIS JULY!

At True North Vacation Bible School, kids discover that they can trust Jesus in a wild world! Held **Monday, July 28 to Thursday, July 31** from **9:00–11:30 am**, True North is filled with Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hearing God's Word, creative crafts, team-building games, Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life.



Offered in partnership with the Child Development Center, True North VBS is designed for children 3K (*potty-trained and a birth date on or before 12/31/21*) to entering 5th grade. For more information, contact Living Word at info@mylivingword.com or (262) 677-1685. Visit mylivingword.com to register children or sign up to volunteer.

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