

**Message from  
Pastor Davis**



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Dear Living Word Family,

I love telling stories around the campfire. Scary stories. Stories of hope. Stories of great feats. Stories of fiction and stories of real life which have been embellished over the years of retelling. Stories which make us laugh, cry, or kick the adrenaline into high gear. Over the years, I've told a few good ones of which I'm proud. Whatever the story, though, there is something about sharing one around the warmth and glow of a campfire that brings us close together. That togetherness is why stories are central to the human experience.

I pray this summer is full of stories to share with one another. I think of the stories I will experience and create with my family as we take some time to rest this summer. I think of the stories the youth group will come back with from the National Youth Gathering. I think of the stories each of you will experience. Each and every one of these stories is part of God's story in our life, and in our community.

As wonderful as these stories are, they are all secondary to the story of the Gospel. God became flesh and dwelt among us. The story which Paul writes of to the people of Galatia and Colossae (which we will read this summer) is that of Jesus Christ. The Good News is that because Jesus came to die and rise from the dead for our sake, we become heirs of eternal life. Whatever stories you write and experience this summer, may the story of Jesus Christ be central to you and your family.

*"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"* So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." (Galatians 4:4-7) May God's story bless your story this summer. And I look forward to seeing and hearing how God wove Himself within Your story this summer.

In Christ,

*Pastor Davis*

## WORSHIP WITH US

Sundays at 9:00 am

*Fellowship Time*

*after service*

*Adult Bible Study/  
Sunday School*

*Returns in September*

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 ten years old year-round and is a partner site in the West Bend School District community-based 4K program.

***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

**LADIES SMALL GROUP STUDY** continues through June 19 on Thursdays at 10:00 am. **WOMEN'S AND MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES** are on summer hiatus and will return in September. Women's Bible Study is held on Tuesday mornings. Men's Bible Study is held on Monday evenings. Watch for the emphasis for each closer in fall. We hope you can join us!

#### SUMMER INDEPENDENT STUDY

Fill your summer with God's Word by creating your own study or reading plan. Check out the **5 x 5 x 5 New Testament reading plan** on our website, found under the 'Bible Studies & Ministries' tab at [mylivingword.com](http://mylivingword.com) or stop by the Living Word Library and check out Bible Studies, Christian books and more. Another great resource is **Lutheran Hour Ministries**, which offers online devotions and more at [lhm.org/studies](http://lhm.org/studies)

## 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, July 16**

*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.*

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## 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 the flyer at reception or [click here](#) to look through the opportunities to see where you feel called to serve, then scan the QR code below to signup online or [click here](#).

Scan here



## SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE GRANT MATCHED!

Thank you to everyone who donated a matching gift to the Sound System Upgrade. Through your efforts, we reached the goal and will now move forward with purchasing and installing new equipment to improve our worship experience this summer. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Davis at [pastor.davis@mylivingword.com](mailto:pastor.davis@mylivingword.com).

## MOMS GROUP

Moms and kids of all ages are invited to join Rachel and the Davis Crew at local parks this summer for fun and fellowship. Come for two hours (or as long as you'd like) to connect while the kids



play. Some parks feature splash pads—please bring water, sunscreen, swimsuits, and towels. Contact the church office at **(262) 677-1685** for more details.



**6:00 – 8:00 pm,  
Thursday, June 26  
Thursday, July 24**

**9:00 – 11:00 am  
Tuesday, August 12**

## Monthly Recap

*YTD giving through 4/30/2025*

**April Giving: \$ 27,192.**

**Monthly Budgeted Need: \$27,135**

**YTD Giving \$134,861**

### Sunday Attendance

- May 4 151
- May 11 176
- May 18 162
- May 25 115

**2025 Average Attendance: 153**

## PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES 2025 LIFE WALK

Hosted by **Elm Grove Lutheran Church** on **Saturday, June 21, 2025**, Life Walk starts at **9:00 am**. The annual event also features an opening prayer service, light breakfast, music, and lunch. Ask friends and family to sponsor your Walk! Prizes will be given for most money raised and most sponsors. To learn more or to register, visit [www.aplaceofrefuge.org/life-walk-registration](http://www.aplaceofrefuge.org/life-walk-registration).

## CELEBRATE PENTECOST!

Pentecost, celebrated 50 days after Easter, is considered the ***Birthday of the Church***. This year, Pentecost falls on **Sunday, June 8**. What a great time to reflect on the Holy Spirit, the Church, and our faith. Here are some ideas to celebrate Pentecost as a family:

- **Tell the story:** Read aloud Acts 2:1-40 which vividly describes how the disciples received the Holy Spirit. Ask each family member to tell one thing he or she will try to remember from the Scripture reading.
- **Bake a cake:** Make a Pentecost cake to celebrate the birth of the church. Use red icing to decorate. Place candles in clusters to symbolize the flames.
- **Remember our story:** Ask a friend to share how they came to Living Word or what people were important to their faith formation.
- **Decorate:** Add art to your home to be a daily reminder of the Holy Spirit. Have children decorate red t-shirts at an earlier date so that they can wear their red t-shirts for Pentecost.

- **Pray together:** Prayer is powerful. Here is an example of a Pentecost prayer:

*Gracious God,*

*We are reminded again when the first believers in Jesus were given the Holy Spirit to tell others about Jesus. We believe You give us that same Spirit to tell others about Jesus. You know, O God, that sometimes we are fearful and we feel alone. But just like that Pentecost long ago, we too are surrounded by Your love and presence. Help us live in such a way that others see in us a reflection of Your love. Give us the courage to tell others about the transforming power of Your love and care. Help us to witness to one another so that we grow in faith. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit and the witness of Your son, Jesus the Christ, we pray today. Amen.*



## SUMMER READING

Add to your summer reading list by visiting the Living Word library! The library offers fiction and non-fiction books that explore faith, relationships and the Word of God. Enjoy a selection of faith-based historical and fantasy novels or dive into a new Bible study. They are all waiting for you at the Living Word Library, across from the Crossing.





# CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



**SUMMER THEME:** With God all things are popsicle!

*“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’ “*

*Matthew 19:26*



## WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!

Thank you to Mrs. Paula Hansen for her 18 years as a teacher with the CDC! We are thankful for her dedication to her students and wish her the best as she enters retirement!



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

The LCMS South Wisconsin District recognizes employees who reach milestone anniversary dates. This year, **Miss Katie** and **Miss Val** received recognition for five years of faithful service to the CDC. Thank you for your continued dedication to the children of the center!



## IMPORTANT DATES

**June 9**  
**Summer Splash**  
**Starts**

**July 4**  
**CDC Closed**

**July 28-31**  
**VBS**

**Aug. 1**  
**CDC Closed for Staff**  
**Inservice**

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Teacher Appreciation door offering in May. We were able to bless the teachers with treats and snacks throughout the week including soda, chips, chocolate, Crumbl cookies and a Cousins subs lunch. Thank you for your generosity!

# Living Word Lutheran Church & Child Development Center

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Worship	2 <div>Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday</div>	3 6:30 pm Elders' Mtg	4 6:00 pm CDC Staff Mtg	5 10:00 am Ladies' Small Group	6	7 9:00 am Church Cleanup  5:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting
8 9:00 am Worship	9 CDC Summer Splash Start	10	11	12 10:00 am Ladies' Small Group	13	14
15 9:00 am Worship	16	17	18 7:00 pm Praise Team	19 10:00 am Ladies' Small Group	20	21
22 9:00 am Worship	23	24	25	26	27 TBD Slinger Plant Mtg	28 TBD Slinger Plant Mtg
29 9:00 am Worship TBD Slinger Plant Mtg	30	1	2	3	4 Church Offices & CDC Closed	5 5:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting

# Sunday Worship Volunteers Living Word Lutheran Church

June 2025

Areas of Service	Sunday June 1	Sunday June 8	Sunday June 15	Sunday June 22	Sunday June 29	Sunday July 6
Ushers	Ray H. Scott P. Adam S.	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.
Communion Assistants	Kurt H. Todd K.	Mike K. Marty L.	Chuck L. Tom B.	Norm F. Nick S.	TBA Todd K.	TBA
Lector	Lisa C.	Mike K.	Bill O..	Audra A.	Nick S.	Jessi S.
Acolytes	Penny & Desmond D.	Lillian & Karissa A.	Ellie D. Lydia D.	Christina H.	Hayden & Marleigh L.	Ezra H.
Altar Guild	Jill K.	Gina L.	Sherry D.	Kelli Jo A.	Kathy F.	Joan L.
PowerPoint	Celia A.	Zeke S.	Silas H.	Zeke S.	Eliza A.	Silas H.
Fellowship	Connie H. Roz H. Jan H.	Bonnie & Jerry G. Karen K. Kay V.	Mary Jo & Chris R. Brian & Karen K.	Gail C. Bridget S.	Joan L. Bonnie W.	No Fellowship

Advance Schedule Subject to Change

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

**TRUE NORTH VBS AT  
LIVING WORD VBS THIS JULY!**



We are almost at capacity! True North VBS will be held Monday through Thursday, **July 28–31** from **9:00-11:30 am**. When registration closes, a waitlist will be available at [mylivingword.com](http://mylivingword.com).

Offered in partnership with the Living Word CDC, True North is filled with Bible-learning experiences kids can 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 guide the faith of those who attend. VBS is designed for children 3K (potty-trained and a birth date on or before 12/31/21) to entering 5th grade. Check out the True North Donation Tree in the narthex. Take a look and, if so moved, grab an item to donate!*

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**FALL**  
**craft fair**

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

**9:00 am—2:00 pm**

**VENDOR BOOTH INFORMATION**

*Booths include one eight-foot table & two chairs  
Booth sizes are approximate*

- **8' x 5' booth - \$35**
- **10' x 10' booth- \$55**
- WiFi access available for credit card purchases

**Limited availability for the following:**

- Outdoor spaces and some smaller booths
- Access to electricity - \$10 fee
- Additional tables available—\$10 Fee

Register and pay online after July 1 at  
[mylivingword.com/programs-events/events](http://mylivingword.com/programs-events/events)

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