

Message from  
Pastor Davis



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Dear Living Word Family,

I pray your summer was restful and filled with new memories. With time moving forward to fall, I found myself reflecting on the life and ministry of Moses. We will hear his final words at Rally Day worship. Moses did many things, and reading the Scriptures, it's easy to see God's hand in the midst of his life. Yet he still made plenty of terrible and selfish choices.

When he says that "If your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods, and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish," he knows it from personal experience. He knows the destruction of turning away from God and turning towards created things.

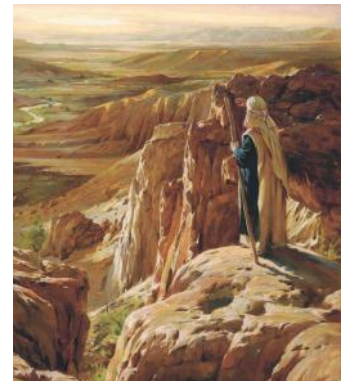
He commands the Israelites to choose life. Because God "is your life and length of days." Yes, we will sin, but we trust in the mercy and forgiveness of Christ. Moses died before he was able to enter the Promised Land. Perhaps there is a sadness there. "It's not fair he didn't get to experience what he waited decades for!" Yet, as I was reflecting on Moses, I saw the greater treasure he was able to take possession of through the grace of God. The New Creation is greater than a land flowing with milk and honey.

Part of choosing life is being connected to God's Word and His gifts. These are the places God has chosen to reveal Himself to us. Challenge yourself this year in engaging with the Living Word community and with God's Word. Be faithful in worship and receiving the Sacrament. Try out a Bible Study, either Sunday morning or one of the many offerings during the week. Explore serving the Church in volunteer ministries.

Already engaged? Invite a friend, or encourage another member to join in hearing God's Word and serving. Sometimes that single open invitation is enough to break down those barriers of "I don't know if it's my thing." No doubt Moses wanted God's people to hear God's Word and walk with Him. Even when they frustrated him, Moses still loved them! I want you all to hear the Word and receive God's gift, and I know you want the same for your friends and family. Let's pray that the Word of God goes forth and works the conversion of sinners—our own constant conversion!—this fall.

In Christ,

*Pastor Davis*



## **WORSHIP WITH US** **Sundays at 9:00 am**

**Fellowship Time**

**after service**

**Adult Bible Study/  
Sunday School**

**September—May**

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**

*Bible Studies meet in the conference room unless noted otherwise.*

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY, Sundays, 10:30 am, The Crossing Begins Sep. 14**

All are invited to attend Adult Bible Study and Sunday School (ages 3 and up), which follow the *Answers in Genesis* curriculum.

#### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00 am Begins Sep. 2**

Through study of the authorship, message, structure and unique characteristics of Matthew, we will grow in our understanding of God's great love for us. All ladies are welcome — bring a friend!

**Contact:** Roz Handschke at rosandmark@gmail.com.

#### **LADIES SMALL GROUP, Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 am**

Study on Titus, Timothy and Philemon **begins Sept. 4**

**Contact:** Carolyn Fiedler at mission63@gmail.com.

#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Mondays, 7:00 pm, begins Sept. 8**

We are continuing with session 5 of "Who Am I and What Am I Doing Here?" featuring Joel Biermann of the St. Louis Seminary.

**Contact:** Tom Beineke at thomas.beineke@yahoo.com.

#### **MOMS' GROUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:00 pm Begins Sept. 9**

Our "Summer Moms' Group" will explore God's faithfulness as we study women of the Bible using the *Faithful Bible* study. **Contact:** Rachel Davis at (262) 895-9036.

## **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, September 22.**

*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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## True North VBS

This July, a group of dedicated volunteers transformed Living Word into a backwoods playground, complete with a log cabin, “waterfall” and wild animals for True North Vacation Bible School. Over four days, Living Word VBS volunteers and CDC teachers shared God’s love with more than 100 children from the church, CDC and the community. Thank you to all the volunteers, teachers and families that participated in this fun and faith-filled adventure through God’s Word!



## Monthly Recap

*YTD giving through 7/31/2025*

**May Giving: \$24,576**

**June Giving: \$32,240**

**July Giving: \$24,434**

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

**YTD Giving \$216,111**

**2025 YTD Average Attendance: 147**

## Sunday Attendance

• June 1	176	• July 20	140
• June 8	113	• July 27	162
• June 15	152	• Aug 3	166
• June 22	132	• Aug 10	95
• June 29	118	• Aug 17	122
• July 6	117	• Aug 24	149
• July 13	163		



## NEW TEACHERS AT LWLHS



On August 25, Pastor Davis led a special service of commissioning and installation for five new teachers at Living Word Lutheran High School:

- ♦ Miranda Briones – Math
- ♦ Hannah Ebel – Math
- ♦ Shawn Heckert – Industrial Arts  
(member of *Living Word*)
- ♦ Chris Uitz – Science
- ♦ Keri Walker – English

Please join us in welcoming them to the LW family and keeping them in your prayers as they begin their ministry at the high school.

## JOINT LLL WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Come learn how you can CONNECT to people at the North & South Wisconsin LLL District Joint Convention hosted at **Peace Lutheran Church** in Neenah on **Saturday, September 27. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler** of The Lutheran Hour® will share the keynote address. Other highlights include presentations on *Lutheran Early Response Team, Comfort Dog Ministry, Spiritual First Aid Training and Hearts of Mercy & Compassion*. The fee is \$20 and includes lunch. Doors open at 8:00 am. Registration deadline is **September 22**.

**For more information, [click here](#),  
or contact Tom Beineke at  
[tombeineke802@gmail.com](mailto:tombeineke802@gmail.com)**

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Youth group will look a little different this fall with Sarah Greenhow having her baby. High school students can grow in the Word of God by joining our Sunday morning high school Bible Study led by Ryan Hansen. Pastor Davis will be hosting a social event in October. Stay tuned for info on other upcoming events this fall.

## FLOOD DAMAGE HELP NEEDED



**Journeys Lutheran School** in Hales Corners experienced staggering damage from the recent flooding— **initial estimates placed the total loss at more than one million dollars.** Nearly every part of our building was affected—from the gym floor and library to classrooms filled with supplies and technology. In addition, a large HVAC system was destroyed and flood waters disturbed asbestos, creating the need for costly and urgent abatement.

### Here's how you can help:

- **Donate:** Financial gifts of any size are appreciated and can make a difference. Donations can be made online at [www.journeyslutheran.org/flood-recovery](http://www.journeyslutheran.org/flood-recovery).
- **Spread the Word:** Share our story with your networks and pray for our students and staff.

Journeys is a safe and supportive place for children with learning challenges. Your support helps us reopen our doors quickly and provide the stability and care our students need. Thank you for standing with us!

Christ's blessings,

*Jenny Stollenwerk, Head of School  
Journeys Lutheran School  
(formerly Lutheran Special School)*

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



## SEPTEMBER THEME: "God loves us to our core!"

*The Lord says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."*

*Jeremiah 3:13*

### A GRATEFUL HEART FROM MISS KENDRA

Earlier this year, our church family came together to support **Miss Kendra**, one of our CDC teachers, during a time of health challenges. She asked us to share this message of thanks with you:

*I just want to take a moment to thank everyone for all the love, support, and prayers over the past few months while I was going through treatment. Your encouragement has meant more to me than words can express. I'm incredibly grateful to say that I finished my very last treatment a couple of weeks ago! This journey hasn't been easy, but knowing I had so many people cheering me on made all the difference. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!*

Thank you to everyone who gave, prayed, and lifted Miss Kendra in love. Your kindness made a difference—and continues to shine in the heart of our CDC family.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Sept. 1**  
**CDC Closed**

**Sept. 8**  
**4K First Day**

### A SMALL GESTURE WITH A BIG HEART



The congregation gifted a box of diapers and notes of encouragement to CDC teacher

**Miranda Held** and her family as they

welcomed baby **Grayson** home after a month-long stay in the NICU.

Please continue to keep Grayson in your prayers as he grows and develops.

### KEEP THE FUN FLOWING!

Our CDC is bursting with giggles, games and growing minds! To keep the magic going, we've made an Amazon Wish List full of toys, books and goodies our little ones love.

**Scan the QR code** or [click here](#) to send a smile their way.



**Thanks for being part of the joy!**

# Living Word Lutheran Church & Child Development Center

## September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:00 am Worship	1 Labor Day Church & CDC Closed	2 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Elders' Mtg	3 7:00 pm Praise Team	4 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 4:00-6:00 pm 4K Open House 6:00 pm, CDC Staff Mtg	5 6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting	6 6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting
Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday						
7 10:00 am Worship 11:30-1 Church Picnic 6:30 pm, Cub Scout Cmte Mtg	8 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study First Day of 4K	9 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm Mom's Group 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	10 5:00-6:00 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Praise Team	11 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	12 6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting	13 6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting
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# Sunday Worship Volunteers Living Word Lutheran Church

September 2025

Areas of Service	Sunday Sept. 7	Sunday Sept. 14	Sunday Sept. 21	Sunday Sept. 28	Sunday Oct. 5	Sunday Oct. 12
Ushers	Ray Heidtke Chris Reinke Adam Sharpe	Marty Lowitz Kurt Meyers Adam Sharpe	Peter Chapman Michael Morgan Adam Sharpe	Bryan Pfaff John Russell Adam Sharpe	Tom Beineke Chris Reinke Adam Sharpe	Marty Lowitz Kurt Meyers Adam Sharpe
Communion Assistants	N/A	Tom Beineke Ryan Hansen Chuck Luedtke Todd Klumb Nick Smedal	Norm Finster Kurt Hoffman Marty Lowitz Chuck Luedtke Todd Klumb	Tom Beineke Norm Finster Ryan Hansen Mike Kubczak Chuck Luedtke	TBA	TBA
Lector	Bill Ostovich, Sr	Audra Albañil	Nick Smedal	Jessi Smedal	Lisa Clark	Mike Kubczak
Acolytes	N/A	Ezra & Silas Hansen	Penny & Desmond Davis	Ellie Davis Lydia Demmon	Karissa Anderson Christina Hoffman	Ezra & Silas Hansen
Altar Guild	N/A	Sherry Davis	Kathy Finster	Kelli Jo Anderson	Gina Luedtke	Nancy Plier
Power Point	N/A	Lydia Demmon	Lillian Anderson	Celia Anderson	Zeke Smedal	Hayden Leonard
Fellowship	Church Picnic	Roz Handschke Connie Hansen Melissa Schwalbach	Jan Heidtke Chris & Mary Jo Reinke Kay Vaccaro	Bonnie & Jerry Gellert Joan Laehn Bridget Smedal	Gail Chrisler Carolyn Fiedler Brian & Karen Kloehn	Bonnie Will Karen Kentopp Roz Handschke

Advance Schedule Subject to Change

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

# Outdoor Worship & Rally Day Picnic

Sunday, September 7

**Special Worship Time**

**10:00 am**

*with picnic to follow*

**Volunteers:**

Set-up and take down

Food donations

**Sign-up sheets at church reception**

Or [click here](#)

Living Word Lutheran Church

## FALL craft fair

Saturday, November 1, 2025

9:00 am—2:00 pm

**COME AND ENJOY...**

Hand-crafted items and products from  
home-sale consultants

Delicious snacks, fresh popped popcorn  
and homemade goodies

**Lunch for purchase from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Basket Raffle (items from vendors and  
Jackson area businesses)

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC!**

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