

Message from  
Pastor Davis



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Dear Living Word Family,

*“Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence.”*  
 -Genesis 6:11

*“Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land....The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him, but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming. The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright; their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken...The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.”*  
 -Psalm 37:7-9, 12-15, 40

*“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*  
 -Romans 12:21

I have drawn much comfort from Psalm 37 this past month. Please read it in its entirety if you have a moment. I’ve highlighted some of my favorite portions of the Psalm. The heart of man is wicked continually and full of violence. Cain slays Abel. Lamech is successful by worldly measures and gloats of his murderous violence. Joseph’s brothers desire to kill him. David kills Bathsheba’s husband. Judas turns in Jesus to those who wish His death. Paul has Stephan stoned to death.

Death is not surprising in the world. First, we all die one day. But we also find ourselves in a culture of death. The culture has justified and celebrated the murder of tens of millions of babies over the past few decades, but this is not new. Even in the Old Testament there are many warring nations who would sacrifice babies. It’s hard to find a nation in history who hasn’t killed the most vulnerable among them.

While much fewer in number, ten thousand people have been “assisted in dying” in America, with the annual number growing exponentially. In Canada and the Netherlands last year, roughly 5% of all deaths were assisted. If the life ahead is full of suffering and no worldly hope, then seeking death is considered acceptable. I fear the trajectory of this practice.

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## **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**

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

**Nursery for infants and toddlers available during Education Hour.**

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

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](mailto:rosandmark@gmail.com).

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

The group is following "*Who Am I and What Am I Doing Here?*" study featuring Joel Biermann of the St. Louis Seminary.

**Contact:** Tom Beineke at [thomas.beineke@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas.beineke@yahoo.com).

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

##### **NEXT SESSION: October 14**

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.

For more information on **Ladies' Small Group Bible Study**, a more intensive study, contact Carolyn Fiedler at [mission63@aol.com](mailto:mission63@aol.com) or (262) 674-1004.

## **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, November 17.**

*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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### Rally Sunday Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated food, helped set-up and clean up, and participated in the **Church Picnic** on September 7. Although weather moved us indoors, we had great food and wonderful fellowship! We look forward to another awesome event next year!

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

What saddens me most, though, is how death has become celebrated. Death is terrible. Death is wicked. Death is the curse of sin. In the beginning, it was not so. But because of sin, wickedness reigns and the culture becomes obsessed with death. The wicked plots against the righteous, even drawing swords and bending the bow to slay the righteous!

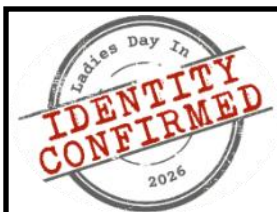
What does the Lord do? He laughs, because He has the victory. He breaks the bow and redirects the sword. He is our stronghold. He is our salvation. Death does not have the last word. He saves us, because He is our fortress and strength. Our God is the God of life. Our God is the God of the Resurrection. As a favorite song of mine says, "[This story] can't be contained, no it won't stay in here, it will thrive; cause stories just don't die when the dead come alive." Death tried to conquer God and God laughed as He rolled the stone away from that tomb.

The wicked may have their day. But they don't have forever. Christ alone is the God of forever. And in Christ, though we die, yet shall we live. We don't repay evil with evil. Rather, we overcome it with good. Yet not our own goodness. It's the goodness of Christ and Christ alone that is our refuge and strength, and the place where we, wicked sinners though we are, have eternal life. It is the goodness of Christ that forgives sinners like me. And it's His goodness that has the power to forgive others — including our enemies and those who persecute Christ and His Church.

*"The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble."*

In Christ,

*Pastor Davis*



**Save-the-Date: March 14, 2026**  
**LADIES DAY IN: IDENTITY CONFIRMED**  
 Registration opens in February  
[Visit mylivingword.com to learn more](http://mylivingword.com)



## **SEEDS OF FAITH: NEW MEMBER CLASS**



Pastor Davis is forming our next new member class. This is great for those who have recently joined our congregation or those who have been visiting and would like to learn more. The course runs during the Bible Study hour after church. Contact **Pastor Davis** at [pastor.davis@mylivingword.com](mailto:pastor.davis@mylivingword.com) to receive information on our fall class.

## **Ready for Fun, Fellowship & a Few Strikes?**

Chris & Mary Jo Reinke are forming a couples' bowling league this October. You don't need to be a great bowler, just be willing to have **FUN!**



- Who:** **Two couples per team.** Individuals can sign up and be paired with another bowler if needed. *Living Word membership is not required.*
- What:** **Nine-Pin Tap** games (knock down nine pins and it's a strike!)
- When:** **One Sunday per month at 6:00 pm** (you can bowl ahead if needed).
- Where:** **The Kettle Recreation Center**, 1021 E Commerce Blvd, Slinger
- Cost:** Approximately **\$30 per couple** each time you bowl (this includes three games and prize money).

To learn more, contact Chris Reinke at **(414) 801-6403** or [ccreinke3@gmail.com](mailto:ccreinke3@gmail.com)

## **PAST SERMON AUDIO ONLINE**

Visit [mylivingword.com](http://mylivingword.com) and click the **Sermons** button on the front page to access past sermons.

## **Monthly Recap**

*YTD giving through 8/31/2025*

**August Giving:** **\$ 22,342**

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

**YTD Giving** **\$238,453**

**2025 YTD Average Attendance: 147**

## **Sunday Attendance**

- Aug. 31 136
- Sep. 7 138
- Sep. 14 183
- Sept. 21 141
- Sept. 28 133

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Bring joy to children around the world with special boxes of gifts! Samaritan's Purse collects **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes, filled with toys and other fun items, and delivers them to children in need around the world. You can support our effort by:

- ☐ **Shop and Drop** – Purchase and donate special items for our boxes like small toys, school supplies, socks, plain T-shirts, travel soaps, dolls and Matchbox cars. Return donations to the box at church reception (*box will be up in later October*).
- ☐ Help cover the \$10 per box shipping cost.

On **Sunday, November 9**, Sunday School students will pack shoeboxes. If you would like to do it as a family, please feel free to pack a box and return it by the deadline to be shipped and tracked with the Sunday School boxes.

**Bring donations no later than  
Sunday, November 9**

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



## OCTOBER THEME: AUTUMN LEAVES....JESUS DOESN'T!

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your might."*

*Deuteronomy 6:5*

### IMPORTANT DATES

**October 23-24**

CDC Open, WBSD Closed

**Friday, October 24**

CDC Closes at 5:00 pm

**6:00-7:30 pm**

**Trunk or Treat**

### THANK YOU!

On behalf of our families and teachers, thank you to everyone who donated snacks to our Fall Snack Drive. Your generosity means full cupboards for our daycare and after school programs. We appreciate your kindness and how it shows God's love!

*Tamara Breckenfelder*

*CDC Administrator*



### TRUNK-OR-TREAT & KIDDIE CARNIVAL

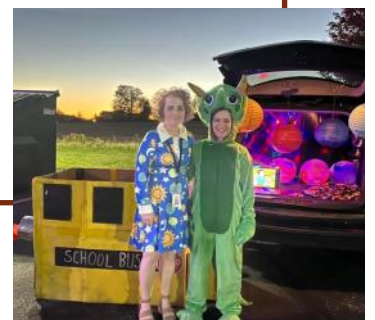
Looking for family friendly holiday fun? Come to our *Trunk-or-Treat & Kiddie Carnival* on **Friday, October 24, 6:00 to 7:30 pm**. Trunk-or-Treat is a safe, fun, family environment at Living Word. Trunk-or-Treaters can visit creatively decorated cars in the front parking lot and enjoy indoor games and activities at Kiddie Carnival in the Crossing.



**WBSD 4K students can check in and  
receive a special treat!**

**Costumes are encouraged!**

*(but not scary ones)*



# Living Word Lutheran Church & Child Development Center

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:00-6:00 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting</p>
Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday						
<p>5</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school 6:30 pm, Cub Scout Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Elders' Mtg 6:30 pm, Den Mtg</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:00-6:00 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm, Den Mtg</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm Mom's Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:00-6:00 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack Mtg</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Den Mtg</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:00-6:00 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>23</p> <p>CDC OPEN/WBSD Closed 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm, Den Mtg</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CDC OPEN/WBSD Closed 5:00 pm CDC Closes Early 6:00-7:30 pm Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:00-6:00 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group</p>	<p>31</p> <p>All day Fall Craft Fair Set-up</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 am-2:00 pm Fall Craft Fair 6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting</p>

# Sunday Worship Volunteers Living Word Lutheran Church

October 2025

Areas of Service	Sunday Oct. 5	Sunday Oct. 12	Sunday Oct. 19	Sunday Oct. 26	Sunday Nov. 2	Sunday Nov. 9
Ushers	Tom B. Chris R. Adam S.	Marty L. Kurt M. Adam S.	Ray H. Michael M. Adam S.	Peter C. Bryan P. Adam S.	Tom B. John R. Adam S.	Marty L. Chris R. Adam S.
Communion Assistants	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lector	Lisa C.	Mike K.	Bill O.	Audra A.	Nick S.	Jessi S.
Acolytes	Karissa A. Christina H.	Ezra & Silas H.	Penny & Desmond D.	Ellie D. Lydia D.	Christina H.	Karissa A.
Altar Guild	Gina L.	Nancy P.	Jill K.	Kathy F. Joan L.	Gina L.	Kelli Jo A.
Power Point	Zeke S.	Hayden L.	Silas H.	Marleigh L.	Eliza A.	Lydia D.
Fellowship	Gail C. Carolyn F. Brian & Karen K.	Bonnie Will Karen K. Roz H.	Chris & Mary Jo R. Joan L. Melissa S.	Bridget S. Bonnie & Jerry G. Kay V.	Gail C. Jan H. Brian & Karen K.	Roz H. Carolyn F. Karen K.

Advance Schedule Subject to Change

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

6-7:30 pm, Friday, October 24

# TRUNK OR TREAT

BE PART OF THE FUN!

Decorate a Trunk  
Donate Candy \* Volunteer  
*Sign up at reception*

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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