

Message from Pastor Davis



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Dear Living Word Family,

What is the purpose of education? For ourselves? For our children? For others? We often treat education as a checklist or a mercenary act.

When we see it as a checklist, we say, *"I went to class and learned the things and now I'm done forever!"* I checked it off and can now move on to the next thing. I imagine Mel Gibson, covered in blue paint, crying out, "Freedom!"



When we treat it as a mercenary act, we ask, *"What do I get out of it?"* If I see the value, I do the thing. If I don't, I do something else. A middle school student once asked me the common question: "When will I ever use this?" referring to algebra. I responded, "While you may not use this specific skill, you are learning the value of suffering, which will aid you as you grow older." In all seriousness, he's treating that subject as a mercenary act.

We do this with our faith. We can treat it like a checklist. *"Tell me what I have to do. I'll do it and be done."* But faith isn't a shopping list that can be exhausted. It is a lifelong journey. The relationship we have with Christ can grow ever deeper. He is an infinite mystery in which we are able to eternally delight.

Neither is our faith a mercenary act. It is not something we receive value from and then are finished with it. Paul does NOT write, "The Scriptures teach you that you are saved. There is no further value in them." Rather, Paul writes, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17) Paul is stating emphatically that Scripture is not about you. It's about God saving you and forming you for the work He would set you to do. God's Word is not about what you get out of it. It's about God equipping you for the holy life.



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.

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.

MOMS' GROUP, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:00 pm

NEXT SESSION: November 11

Explore the faithfulness of God 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 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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"Reflections of Mary"

Women's Advent Event

Christian musician and dramatist Wendysue Fluegge offers a dramatic retelling of Jesus' life. Scriptures, monologues and music will help us ponder, participate and prepare for His coming.



There are three ways to get involved in this **FREE** event:

- ♦ **Sign up to join us! Invite family and friends!**
- ♦ **Donate snacks for the event** – We're seeking bars, cookies and finger-food appetizers.
- ♦ **Decorate a table** – Show your artistic flair with your favorite Christmas or winter decorations. *Table decorating will be on Saturday, December 13 starting at 9:00 am.*

Sign-ups for all are at reception

To learn more, contact Patty Butenhoff at (262) 305-5964

Monthly Recap

YTD giving through 9/30/2025

September Giving: \$29,241

Monthly Budgeted Need: \$27,135

YTD Giving \$267,694

2025 YTD Average Attendance: 147

Sunday Attendance

- **Oct. 5 153**
- **Oct. 12 126**
- **Oct. 19 161**
- **Oct. 26 149**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

This applies to education. We want to grow in the knowledge of the faith, not for our own gain, but to bless others with the truth of God's Word and to do good works. Read a book. Grow in the knowledge of the Lord. Not that it will "save you more", but that through it, God may form you in righteousness (that is, our sanctification), that you may grow to know the Lord more, and in doing so, be more confident in sharing your faith. May the Holy Spirit work in and through you, for the glory of God's Kingdom.

In Christ,

Pastor Davis

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23



Help beautify our worship center for Advent and Christmas with poinsettia plants. The 6 1/2-inch pots come in a variety of colors, including red, white, pink, jingle bell and marble. **Cost is \$12 per plant.** Green order forms are available at reception.

Poinsettias arrive about 10 days before Christmas.

PAST SERMON AUDIO ONLINE

Visit mylivingword.com and click the **Sermons** button on the front page to access past sermons.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



In partnership with local churches, 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
- ☐ Help **cover the \$10 per box** shipping cost.

On Sunday, November 16, Sunday School students will pack shoeboxes. If you would like to do a box as a family, please return it by the deadline to be shipped and tracked with the Sunday School boxes.

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

Who's Hungry?



Living Word's CDC is hosting a fundraiser at Culver's in Jackson!

**5:00-8:00 pm
Monday, November 17**

Take a night off from cooking help support the CDC.

**Dine-in and Drive Thru
No flier necessary!
Spread the word!**



**Save-the-Date:
Ladies Day In
March 14, 2026
9:00 am-3:00 pm**

In a world that often distorts and distracts from the truth, this year's **Ladies' Day In: Identity Confirmed** invites you to set aside the world's lenses and see yourself through God's glasses. Keynote speaker and Christian author **Mel Kreuser** will guide us in exploring how to recognize and overcome the lies that steal our God-given identity. Embrace the way He sees you--as a loved and forgiven child of God. **Registration opens in February.**

Ladies Day In engages women in their faith through a keynote speaker, small group activities, a delicious lunch, fellowship, crafts and more.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Help someone in need through **Living Word's Grocery Gift Card** distribution at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Donations can be made throughout the year and are counted as offerings. Special envelopes for this ministry are available at reception. If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, please let Pastor Davis or an Elder know. *If you write a check, please put "Sharing Our Bounty" on the memo line.*

Clean out your closets and help spread the Gospel with **Soles for Jesus!** Bring your used shoes all sizes and kinds to Living Word's drop off bin in the narthex. To learn more, visit www.solesforjesus.org

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



NOVEMBER THEME:

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:17



GREAT NIGHT FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!

We had such a fun time at Trunk or Treat! Thank you to everyone who donated candy, volunteered, came out in costume, or decorated a trunk!



**Trunk
Winners
Crazy Cat
Ladies**



IMPORTANT DATES

5:00-8:00 pm
MONDAY, NOV. 17
Culver's Night

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26
CDC Open
WBSD Closed

Nov. 27-28
Thanksgiving Holiday
CDC Closed

6:15 pm
THURSDAY, DEC. 11
Christmas Program

Living Word Lutheran Church & Child Development Center

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday	27 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	28 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study	29 5:00-6:00 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Praise Team	30 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group	31 All day Fall Craft Fair Set-up	1 9:00 am -2:00 pm Fall Craft Fair 6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting
2 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school	3 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	4 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Elders' Mtg	5 5:00-6:00 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Praise Team	6 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:00 pm, CDC staff Mtg	7	8
9 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school 6:30 pm, Cub Scout Cmte Mtg	10 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	11 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm Mom's Group 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	12 5:00-6:00 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Praise Team	13 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	14	15
16 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school	17 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Church Council	18 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	19 5:00-6:00 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Praise Team	20 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm, Pack Mtg	21	22
23 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school	24 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	25 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study	26 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	27 THANKSGIVING Church & CDC closed	28 Church & CDC closed	29
30 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school	1 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	2 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Elders' Mtg	3 6:30 pm Advent Service <i>Praise Team after</i>	4 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	5	6 6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday Worship Volunteers Living Word Lutheran Church

November 2025

Areas of Service	Sunday Nov. 2	Sunday Nov. 9	Sunday Nov. 16	Sunday Nov. 23	Sunday Nov. 30	Sunday Dec. 7
Ushers	Tom B. John R. Adam S.	Ray H. Chris R. Adam S.	Marty L. Kurt M. Adam S.	Peter C. Zeke S. Adam S.	John Pfaff John R. Adam S.	Tom B. Michael M. Adam S.
Communion Assistants	Norm F. Tony F. Ryan H. Mike K. Chuck L.	Tom B. Dan L. Chuck L. Marty L. Zeke S.	Norm F. Tony F. Kurt H. Todd K. Mike K.	Tom B. Jerry G. Kurt H. Chuck L. Nick S.	Tom B. Ryan H. Mike K. Chris R. Zeke S.	TBA
Lector	Nick S.	Jessi S.	Lisa C.	Mike K.	Bill O.	Audra A.
Acolytes	Christina H.	Karissa A.	Silas & Ezra H.	Penny & Desmond D.	Ellie D. Lydia D.	Karissa A. Christina H.
Altar Guild	Gina L.	Kelli Jo A.	Sherry D.	Nancy P.	Jill K.	Kathy F. Joan L.
Power Point	Eliza A.	Lydia D.	Lillian A.	Celia A.	Hayden L.	Silas H.
Fellowship	Gail C. Jan H. Brian & Karen K.	Roz H. Carolyn F. Karen K.	Connie H. Bonnie W. Melissa S.	Bonnie & Jerry G. Joan L. Chris & Mary Jo R.	Bridget S. Brian & Karen K. Kay V.	Jan H. Gail C. Karen K.

Advance Schedule Subject to Change

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

Celebrate the Joy of Thanksgiving & Advent



THANKSGIVING EVE

6:30 pm, Wednesday, November 26

Join us for an evening of God's Word, music and prayer as we reflect on God's gifts to us and thank Him for His generous love.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

6:30 pm, Wednesdays

DEC. 3, 10 & 17

Dig deeper into the Scriptures and God's Word during our midweek services as we prepare for the coming of our Savior!



Church Decorating — Sunday, December 7

Congregational Voters' Meeting — Sunday, December 14

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