

*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.*



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Dear Living Word Family,

Recently, in Elders, we discussed the idea of virtue. Throughout the history of the church, virtue was something frequently discussed. I believe we can all agree that virtue is significantly lacking in today's world. I wanted to use the newsletters over the summer to reflect on virtues and their importance in our life.



The Church would mark seven virtues (four Cardinal Virtues and three Theological Virtues), namely, **Prudence, Temperance, Justice, Fortitude, Faith, Hope, and Charity**. Virtue is good. Not that striving after these are salvific, nor that we can fully live out any one of these perfectly on this side of heaven, but these virtues tap into what it means to be human.

Before we look at the specific virtues, I'd like to reflect on morality. Morality is concerned with three things: our interactions between one another, the harmony of our interior life, and the very purpose of life. The world typically focuses on the first thing (as long as it doesn't hurt anyone, do it!), while neglecting the other two.

It is not enough to do the right thing. To use language from the world--the end does not justify the means. We are called to do the right thing, for the right reason, in the right way. Borrowing from C. S. Lewis, if you are in an orchestra, it's not enough to play the right note, if all the other members are playing another piece of music. It's also not enough to play the right note if your instrument is broken. The instrument needs to be functioning, and you need to have the correct music, and then you must play the right notes. If any one of these three things are missing, you have a mess. As I share with my confirmation class, if you can help an old lady to cross the street, the morally good thing is to help her cross the street. But, if you're literally dragging her across the street, or if you're only doing it for payment, then it's not a morally good act.

Let us strive to be virtuous people by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Be sure to follow along in the coming months as we explore the virtues of the Christian life.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Davis*

***Worship with Us!***  
**Sundays at 9:00 am**

***Fellowship Time***                      ***after service***

***Adult Bible Study/***                      ***September—May***  
***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 ten years old year-round and is a partner site in the West Bend School District community-based 4K program.

**BIBLE STUDIES**

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

**Adult Bible Study, Sundays, 10:30 am, The Crossing**

Our current theme is the Churches of the Revelation. All are invited to attend Adult Bible Study. *Nursery for infants and toddlers available during Education Hour.* **LAST SESSION MAY 17.**

**Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00 am**

Through the study of Jonah with Christian author and speaker Priscilla Shirer, we are discovering that what you see as an interruption may be God's divine invitation to a life so much bigger than you can imagine. ***Last session before summer is June 9.***

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

**Men's Bible Study, Mondays, 7:00 pm**

Join us for **Lutheranism 101** to refresh your memory or learn new insights about Lutheran heritage and beliefs.

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

**Moms' Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm**

***Next Session: May 12 & 28***

Explore the faithfulness of God as we study women of the Bible using the *Faithful Bible* study.

**Contact:** Rachel Davis at (262) 895-9036.

**Youth Group, Sunday, May 31, 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

Eighth graders through high school seniors are invited to share fun, faith and fellowship through Youth Group.

**Contact:** Ryan Hansen, foolish4christ@gmail.com.

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*

Danielle Pfaff, *Treasurer*

Kyle Radovich, *Secretary*

Michael Marshall

Katie Muhl

Bonnie Will

The next Church Council  
meeting is **6:30 pm,  
Monday, May 18**

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

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## 2026 CONFIRMANDS



On April 19, **Gavin Hauser, Desmond Davis, Ezra Hansen and Lillian Anderson** confirmed their faith. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey and grow in their love of Christ.

### Monthly Recap

*YTD Giving is through 3/31/26*

**March Giving**                                 **\$31,278**  
**Monthly Budgeted Need:**         **\$31,510**  
**YTD Giving**                                     **\$109,239**  
**YTD Average Attendance: 162**

### *Sunday Attendance*

**Apr 5**                                 **247**  
**Apr 12**                               **154**  
**Apr 19**                               **229**  
**Apr 26**                               **127**







## THINKING OF LITTLE ONES

### Layette Kit Collection

**Through June 7,** the Tuesday Women's Bible Study is collecting new or gently used items for **Orphan Grain Train**



**Layette Kits**, distributed to families in need throughout the world. Items needed include:

-  **cloth diapers**
-  **diaper pins**
-  **rubber/reusable swimmer pants**
-  **washcloths**
-  **sleepers & onesies**
-  **receiving blankets & blankets**

*PLEASE DO NOT include items with religious, camouflage, patriotic or military symbols.*

The collection basket and fact sheets are available in the narthex. If you like to sew or craft, there is also a pattern for making cloth diapers.

***Thank you for your generosity!***

### New Changing Stations

Thanks to the generosity of a member family, changing stations have been added to the men's and women's bathrooms next to the library (near the Crossing) and the men's room off reception. These add to the current stations in the women's bathroom off reception and the family bathroom in the Crossing. The stations will be installed in the next few weeks and available for safe and accessible use by families.

## SUMMER PARK PLAY DATES

Parents and kids of all ages, come join Rachel and the Davis Crew at local parks this summer for fun and fellowship. Parents bring water and sunscreen (water gear optional for the Hickory Lane splash pad). A small snack will be offered.

**6:30 pm, June 9 @ Friedenfeld Park**  
**9:00 am, July 14 @ Hickory Lane Park**  
**6:30 pm, August 11 @ Friedenfeld Park**

**Contact:** Rachel Davis. (262) 895-9036.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEAN-UP



Peter Chapman is leading an outdoor clean-up on **Saturday, May 30**, starting at **9:30 am**. Activities

include weeding, pruning, power washing the building and general clean-up. Gloves are recommended. **Contact:** Peter Chapman at [chapman2517@gmail.com](mailto:chapman2517@gmail.com).

### LCMS EVENTS & PROGRAMS

#### Concordia University System Society of Creation 2026 Conference

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton

**5:00-9:00 pm, Friday, June 12**

**8:30 am-5:00 pm, Saturday, June 13**

*Snacks are provided. Lunch option available.*

This year's theme is "Creation of Human Beings" and presenters will offer scientific, philosophical, and theological evidence. The conference is free, but registration is required. The first 100 registrants will receive a free copy of the Institute of Creation Research book *Human Origins!* To register or learn more, visit [societyofcreation.org/conferences](http://societyofcreation.org/conferences). *Free will donation is accepted.*

#### **SWD Financial Aid Deadline: May 15**

The LCMS South Wisconsin District offers financial aid for students attending a Concordia University or Seminary for full-time church work (pastor, teacher, deaconess, DCE/DCO, DFLM, DPM, lay minister). To apply, a student must be a member of SWD church and complete two applications (District Financial Aid Application and Personal Aid Application). Applications and information are available at [swd.lcms.org/aid](http://swd.lcms.org/aid). **Applications are due at the District Office by May 15.**

## CDC NEWS

### Celebrating 4K Graduation!

*"You are the light of the world.  
A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."*

Matthew 5:14



*Room 6 students welcoming spring with ribbon wands, funded through Kwik Trip gift cards.*



Thanks to your generosity, the **CDC has raised more than \$1,700** through Kwik Trip card sales since February! **The next deadline is June 1**, with funds raised supporting Summer Splash activities. [\(see page 5 for available cards\)](#) Order form and payment can be placed in the Tuition Box at reception. *Forms are at reception.*

### Summer Splash & 4K Registration

**Summer Splash** offers age-appropriate excursions, sports activities, art, reading time and more! Breakfast and two snacks included in tuition. Program dates coincide with the West Bend School District (WBSD) school-year end date. Spots fill up fast!

**2026-27 WBSD 4K** is for children in the WBSD who are at least four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2026.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, May 21  
4K Graduation**

**Monday, May 25  
CDC Closed for Memorial Day**

**Monday, June 10  
Summer Splash Begins**

# Kwik Trip CDC Fundraiser

*Please consider supporting our programs*

**ORDER DEADLINE: June 1**

Contact Tamara at [tamara.breckenfelder@mylivingword.com](mailto:tamara.breckenfelder@mylivingword.com) to order

**Your everyday purchases help support our classrooms!**

**Choose from the card options below – every card makes a difference!**

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### **Car Wash Cards**

**\$36 per card includes 5 Ultimate Car Washes (normally \$10 each)**

**Family Savings: \$14**

**CDC Profit: \$16 per card**

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### **Fuel Only Gift Cards**

**Available Amounts:**

**\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$250, \$300, \$500**

**CDC Profit: 5%**

**Example: \$20 card = \$1 earned**

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### **Grocery Only Gift Cards**

**Available Amounts:**

**\$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$150, \$200, \$500**

**CDC Profit: 15%**

**Example: \$20 card = \$3 earned**

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### **Regular Gift Cards**

**Available Amounts:**

**\$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$150, \$200, \$500**

**CDC Profit: 5%**

**Example: \$20 card = \$1 earned**

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**Living Word Lutheran Church & Child Development Center -- May 2026**  
*Holy Communion every Sunday unless noted*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school	27 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	28 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm Mom's Group	29 7:00 pm Praise Team	30 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group	1 5:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting	2 5:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting
3 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 5:30 pm Cub Scout Cmte Mtg	4 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	5 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Elders' Mtg	6 7:00 pm Praise Team	7 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:15 pm CDC Staff Mtg	8	9
10 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	11 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	12 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm Mom's Group	13 7:00 pm Praise Team	14 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	15	16
17 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	18 6:30 pm Church council 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	19 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm Mom's Group	20 7:00 pm Praise Team	21 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 10:30 am, 4K graduation	22	23
24 9:00 am Worship	25 MEMORIAL DAY Church offices/CDC closed	26 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm Mom's Group	27	28 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm, Pack Mtg	29	30
31 9:00 am Worship 5:30-7:30 pm Youth Group	1 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	2 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study	3	4 10:00-11:00 am Ladies' Small Group	5	6 5:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting

# Living Word Lutheran Sunday Worship Volunteers

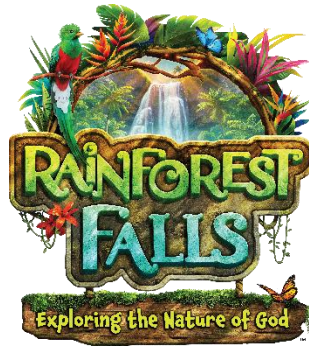
May 2026

Areas of Service	Sunday May 3	Sunday May 10	Sunday May 17	Sunday May 24	Sunday May 31	Sunday June 7
Ushers	Tom B. John R. Adam S.	Kurt M. Chris R. Adam S.	Peter C. Michael M. Adam S.	Ray H. Zeke S. Adam S.	Marty L. Bryan P. Adam S.	Thomas B. John R. Adam S.
Communion Assistants	Ryan H. Mike K. Norm F. Dan L. Chuck L.	Marty L. Jerry G. Chris R. Greg A. Nick S.	Norm F. Dan L. Tom B. Tony F. Mike K.	Chuck L. Todd K. Nick S. Ryan H.	TBA	TBA
Lector	Lisa C.	Jessi S.	Mike K.	Audra A.	Bill O.	Nick S.
Acolytes	Silas H.	Desmond D.	Ellie & Penny D.	Ezra H.	Lydia D. Christina H.	Karissa A.
Altar Guild	Kelli Jo A.	Kathy F.	Gina L.	Jill K.	Sherry D.	Kelli Jo A.
Power Point	Marleigh L.	Lillian A.	Lydia D.	Hayden L.	Celia A.	Silas H.
Fellowship	Jan H. Bonnie & Jerry G. Connie H.	Kay V. Roz H. Brian & Karen K.	Carolyn F. Joan L. Chris & Mary Jo R.	Gail C. Connie H. Bridget S.	Melissa S. Jan H. Bonnie W.	Roz H. Bonnie & Jerry G. Kay V.
Nursery	Kay V. Celia A. Ellie D.	Callie R. Celia & Karissa A.	Desmond D. Penny D. Levi S.	Sunday School ends May 17		

Advance Schedule Subject to Change

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

## Volunteer Registration



## Child Registration



Explore the nature of God at **Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School, August 3-6, 9-11:30 am**, at Living Word! Filled with hands-on Bible-learning activities, teamwork-building games, and creative crafts, Rainforest Falls helps kids discover who God is and how much He loves them. Plus, kids will look for evidence of God all around them through **God Sightings®** and participate in a mission project. **VBS Celebration Service will be Sunday, August 9.** Visit [mylivingword.com](http://mylivingword.com) or scan the QR codes above to volunteer or register your kids!

**Contact:** Todd Klumb, [toddklumb@gmail.com](mailto:toddklumb@gmail.com).

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