October 2026
Newsletter

LIVING WORD
Lutheran Church & Child Development Center

***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,

Do you have guts? If you enjoyed biology class and can read this letter, then the answer is yes. You have those inner organs which allow your body to function. But you know that's not what I mean! This is the word we use to describe people of great courage, bravery, or fortitude: "It took guts to stand up to that person," or "He really played that game with guts." This virtue has historically been called fortitude. The courage which is willing to face danger or to remain steadfast under great pressure or pain.

This is Daniel in the lion's den. This is St. Paul being assaulted by the locals, and showing up the next day to proclaim the Gospel. This is John the Baptist speaking God's Word to Herod while his very life is threatened. This is countless men and women of God throughout the ages who have followed Christ, picking up their cross to the glory of God's name.

Fortitude helps support the other three cardinal virtues. It takes courage to act with common sense in a world which acts so foolishly (think "Emperor's New Clothes"). It takes courage to remain self-controlled when those around you are shamelessly indulging. It takes courage to seek justice when others are driven by revenge. Christians are typically depicted as weak and pathetic people. While our fortitude might not be flashy, we should act with great courage, not just in matters of faith, but in all areas of our life.

People often misunderstand God, believing that He wants simple obedience. Rather, God desires us to be people of a specific character; that is, virtuous. For in virtue is the core of what it means to be human, no longer enslaved to the inward turning of Original Sin.

How do we cultivate virtue in our life? How do we practice the virtues? Simply put, Do it! Seek to live out these virtues. Reflect on your day: How did I act virtuously today? Where did I miss a chance to act with virtue? Let us not be content acting once with fortitude, but rather to be men and women of fortitude. This applies to all the virtues. C. S. Lewis speaks to this in *Mere Christianity*. We must train ourselves in virtue, as we would our education by studying, or working out to prepare for a marathon, so that it becomes part of our very being.

May the Lord strengthen your life of virtue, that you may rejoice in the virtuous life.

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.

BIBLE STUDIES & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Bible Studies meet in the conference room unless noted otherwise.

Youth Group, Sunday, October 18, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Seventh graders through high school seniors are invited to share fun, faith and fellowship through Youth Group.
Contact: Ryan Hansen, foolish4christ@gmail.com.

Sunday School, Sundays, 10:30 am, CDC Rooms
All are invited to attend Sunday School (3K – 8th grade), which follow the *Answers in Genesis* curriculum. ***Nursery for infants and toddlers available during Education Hour***.

Adult & High School Bible Studies, Sundays, 10:30 am
Adult Bible Study is discussing Revelation (meets in Crossing) and the High School group is studying Daniel and the Babylonian Captivity. All are invited—visitors too!

Men's Bible Study, Mondays, 7:00 pm
Join us as we continue with **Lutheranism 101** to refresh your memory or learn new insights about Lutheran heritage and beliefs.
Contact: Tom Beineke at thomas.beineke@yahoo.com.

Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00 am
Through ***7 Feasts***, we are exploring the vibrant yet oft-avoided Old Testament chapter Leviticus 23 to discover how the sacred celebrations of Israel reveal the beauty of Jesus Christ. All ladies are welcome! **Contact:** Roz Handschke at rosandmark@gmail.com.

Moms' Group, 2nd & 4thTuesday of the month, 6:30 pm
Next Sessions: October 13 & 27
Unplug from busy days and digital distractions with ***Sweeter Than Honey: A Bible Study on Enjoying God in His Word***.
Contact: Rachel Davis at (262) 895-9036.

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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, November 16.**

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.

Living Word is a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

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Women's Advent Event
2:00 pm, Sunday, December 13
"Guard the Gift"

Based on Paul's encouragement to Timothy to guard and fan his 'gift' into flame, Christian musician and dramatist Wendysue Fluegge offers story-telling monologues from three characters interspersed with Christmas music and a mission call for each of us. To learn more, contact **Patty Butenhoff** at (262) 305-5964

New Member Class

Interested in learning more about Living Word and what we believe? Join our new member class! We will meet on **Saturday**, **December 5** and **12** from **9 to 11:30 am**, with our new member welcome on **Sunday, December 13**. To sign up or learn more, please contact Pastor Davis at pastor.davis@mylivingword.com.

Outreach Opportunities

Sharing Our Bounty
Grocery Gift Cards

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.*

Soles for Jesus

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

Monthly Recap

YTD Giving is through 8/31/26

August Giving	**$ 31,142**
Monthly Budgeted Need:	**$ 31,510**
YTD Giving	**$247,183**

YTD Average Attendance: 150

September Sunday Attendance

Sept. 6	**113**
Sept. 13	**165**
Sept. 20	**131**
Sept. 27	**163**

RAFFLE ITEMS WANTED!
for Fall Craft Fair

As crafters prepare for the Fall Craft Fair on November 7 (see page 8), we are preparing for the annual raffle that takes place along with it! If you own or have a connection to a local business, are willing to make a few outreach calls to local businesses, or have an abundance of baskets to use for raffle items, please connect with **Sarah Marshall** at (715) 212-5984 or theis219@gmail.com. Past donations have included gift certificates and prize baskets with small items. Thank you for helping us fill the raffle tables!

LUTHERAN EVENTS

For Life Society
Breakfast Fundraiser
Saturday, October 10
Brookfield Conference Center
325 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield

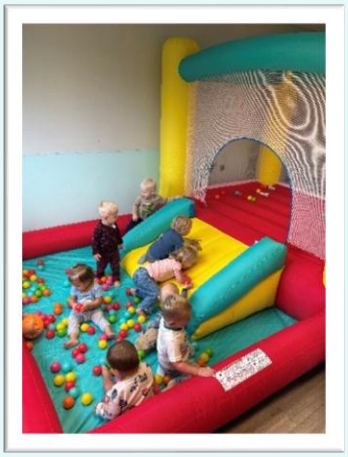
Speaker Renae Ebert will share firsthand insight as an Eyewitness Client Care Advocate. Held at the Brookfield Conference Center, the free event begins with breakfast at 8:00 am. Registration required. To learn more or register, visit **eyewitnessforlife.org**.

2026 Joint LLL Convention
Saturday, October 10
Rib Mountain Church, Wausau
227150 Harrier Avenue, Wausau

The North & South Wisconsin LLL District Joint Convention will feature Germán Novalli, Director of Hispanic Ministry at Lutheran Hour Ministry, and SWD President Rev. Nathan Meador. The **fee is $20** and includes lunch. Doors open at 8:00 am. Visit **www.lhm.org/no-sowisc-lll** to learn more or register. **Deadline is October 5.**

CDC NEWS

October Theme:
We are handpicked by God!
"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5



Bouncin' Around
One-year-olds enjoying their new bounce house.

Fall Fest & Kiddie Carnival
6:00-7:30 pm, Friday, October 23
In a new take on trick or treat, the CDC is offering **Fall Fest & Kiddie Carnival**. Explore creative doorway stations throughout the CDC for fun and treats -- and don't forget to vote for your favorite doorway! All are welcome to this family-friendly event! If you are interested in volunteering or creating a doorway, contact Tamara Breckenfelder at tamara.breckenfelder@mylivingword.com.

Help Us Build A Better Playground
Thanks to generous donations, the toddler playground will soon have turf! We are now over halfway to the $24,000 total goal to fully renovate the playgrounds. To learn more or make a gift, visit the display at reception. Funds from **Kwik Trip** card sales (***see page 5 for available cards***) will also be directed to the project, in addition to individual room fundraisers.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, Oct. 23
CDC Closes at 5:00 pm for Fall Fest

Friday, Oct. 30
CDC Open
WBSD Closed

Kwik Trip CDC Fundraiser

Please consider supporting our programs

ORDER DEADLINE: November 1

Contact Tamara at tamara.breckenfelder@mylivingword.com to order

Your everyday purchases help support our classrooms!

Choose from the card options below — every card makes a difference!

Car Wash Cards

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

Family Savings: $14

CDC Profit: $16 per card

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

Grocery Only Gift Cards

Available Amounts:

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

CDC Profit: 15%

Example: $20 card = $3 earned

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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Holy Communion every Sunday unless noted

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	28 6:45 pm Dartball scrimmage 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	29 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study	30 5:00-6:00 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Praise Team	1 10:00-11:00 am Ladies Small Group 6:30 -7:45 pm Cub Scout Den Mtg	2	3 5:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting
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Living Word Lutheran Sunday Worship Volunteers

October 2026

Areas of Service	Sunday Oct. 4	Sunday Oct. 11	Sunday Oct. 18	Sunday Oct. 25	Sunday Nov. 1	Sunday Nov. 8
Ushers	Tom B. Peter C. Adam S.	Ray H. Michael M. Adam S.	Marty L. Chris R. Adam S.	Bryan P. John R. Adam S.	Dan G. Kurt M. Adam S.	Tom B. Peter C. Adam S.
Communion Assistants	Marty L. Tom B. Mike K. Chris R. Kurt H.	Norm F. Ryan H. Chris R. Greg A. Tony F.	Todd K. Tom B. Tony F. Dan L. Nick S.	Marty L. Norm F. Paul B. Kurt H. Bill O.	Todd K. Marty L. Nick S. Mike K. Kurt H.	Marty L. Todd K. Dan L. Bill O. Tony F.
Lector	Lisa C.	Audra A.	Bill O.	Mike K.	Jessi S.	Lisa C.
Acolytes	Ellie & Penny D.	Lydia D.	Ezra H.	Bradley R.	Karissa A.	Ellie & Penny D.
Altar Guild	Jill K.	Kathy F. Melissa S.	Sherry D.	Kelli Jo A.	Jill K.	Kathy F. Melissa S.
Power Point	Hayden L.	Silas H.	Marleigh L.	Lillian A.	Lydia D.	Celia A.
Fellowship	Connie H. Kay V.	Bridget S. Brian & Karen K.	Carolyn F. Bridget S.	Jan H. Joan L.	Melissa S. Kay V.	Bonnie W. Gail C.

Advance Schedule Subject to Change

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

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FALL Craft Fair

Saturday, November 7, 2026

9:00 am—2:00 pm

COME AND ENJOY…

Hand-crafted items and products from home-sale consultants

Delicious snacks 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!

Volunteer Signups in Narthex

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