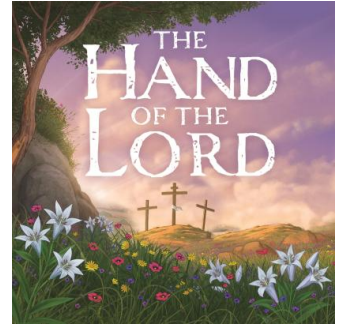


Dear Living Word Family,

Message from
 Pastor Davis



The hands of God protect, heal, cast out demons, and even raise people from the dead. The hands of God formed Adam out of the dust of the earth and Eve from the side of Adam. The hands of God were pierced for our sake, nailed to the cross, blood flowing down, dripping into the soil of Golgotha, and nurturing the soil to bear new life. Not the life of plants or animals, but bringing back to life sinners like me.



The world increasingly tries to “be better.” We are trying to unlock some hidden capacity within humanity to “be better.” “I will be better.” “They need to be better.” If everyone simply taps into this “betterness,” then we can be done with all war and famine and sadness! Perhaps we can even work together to find a way to conquer death!

These attempts to create a utopia at the hands of man have failed many times before, like the people in the days of Noah or those who built the tower of Babel. The kings and leaders of Israel, Judah, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, China, Japan, England, Germany, France and America — all have believed in the idea of making the world a better place by the hands of man. Each leader looks to the failures of the past and thinks, “This time will be different!”

God has not built bigger buildings, expanded borders or provided simpler living so that we can be “better.” Instead, by the power of His hands, He has built us—formed us and restored us—back to life. Hands open wide upon the cross for you and me. While our hands grasp for tools to build monuments to our glory and money to enjoy an easy life, the hands of Christ give us what we truly need.

Stop grasping and look to the hands of Jesus. Stop trying to “be better,” as if you can be enough, and simply “be” with Jesus. Yes, He will transform our hearts. But it’s not about unlocking some hidden human potential. It’s about Jesus healing the hearts which have been corrupted by sin and restoring us to new life.

A blessed Easter to you all. Be blessed by the hands of Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Davis

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

Fellowship Time after service

Adult Bible Study/ 10:30—11:15 am
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 twelve years old through 3K, 4K, full-day, and before and after-school programs.

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

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. **No session April 13, 20 and 27.**

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

Join your sisters in Christ for "**Meant for Good**," a study of Joseph's character, faithfulness, patience, and forgiveness. God gave Joseph's life a purpose beyond his circumstances, and He does the same for us as well. All ladies are welcome — invite a friend! **Contact:** Roz Handschke at rosandmark@gmail.com.

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

Join the group for "**Who Am I and What Am I Doing Here?**" which features Joel Biermann, systematics professor at the St. Louis Seminary. **Contact:** Tom Beineke at thomas.beineke@yahoo.com.

YOUTH GROUP, 6:00-8:00 pm, alternating Sundays

Enjoy fun, faith and fellowship, while learning more about Apologetics. **Check calendar for dates. Contact:** Sarah Greenhow at sarah.nowickio8@gmail.com.

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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*

Joan Laehn, *Treasurer*

Michael Marshall, *Secretary*

Kyle Greenhow

Danielle Pfaff

Kyle Radovich

The next Church Council meeting is **6:30 pm, Monday, May 19**

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.

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

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SUPPORTING MISS KENDRA

As a congregation, we have been praying for CDC teacher Kendra for the past few weeks. This month, Kendra begins a new treatment for breast cancer and we would like to support her as she continues to teach in the CDC infant room and care for her own two children at home. In addition to encouraging prayers for healing and strength, we are collecting money for a gift card that she can use for gas, groceries or any other need that arises during treatment. Those interested can Venmo Sarah Marshall (@wearemarshalls) or reach out to Sarah at (715) 212-5984 or theis219@gmail.com. Donations will be collected through **Sunday, April 13**. If you would like to share a card or note of encouragement, please give it to Sarah or put in her church mailbox. An update will be provided to share how we were able to bless Kendra

***Thank you for your
prayerful consideration.***



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who purchased Milwaukee Pretzel products during the Youth Group fundraiser in February. Through your support, **the fundraiser netted nearly \$1,000** to help send members of the Youth Group to the National Youth Gathering this July in New Orleans. Thank for your support and enjoy the pretzels!

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following for the generous donations of flowers and blooming plants that will beautify the Living Word altar on Easter Sunday

In Memory of Bob & Pauline Burhke
given by Joan Laehn

In Memory of Patricia Dankmeyer
given by Bill Dankmeyer

In Memory of Keith Chrisler
given by Gail Chrisler

In Memory of Gene Fiedler
given by Carolyn Fiedler

In Memory of Candy "Nana" Hoffman
given by Kurt R. Hoffman

In Memory of Jenny Ostovich
given by Sandy & Bill Ostovich, Sr.

In Memory of Kathleen Rapp
given by Don & Christine Gruendemann

In Memory of Marlene Pfeiffer
given by Todd & Susie Klumb

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***In Memory of Ralph Wolfe, Holley
Reinke & Nicholas Wolfe***
given by Chris & Mary Jo Reinke

In Celebration of Easter

Marcia & Tom Beineke

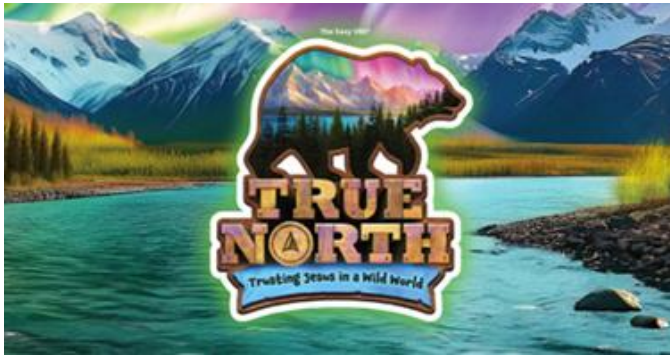
Don & Debi Derge

Linda & Mike Hansen

Ruth Kaphingst

Kelly & Scott Patterson

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS
July 28-31, 2025**



**It's time for kids to hit the trail...
for adventure!**

At **True North Vacation Bible School**, kids discover that they can trust Jesus in a wild world! Offered in partnership with the Living Word Child Development Center, True North is filled with Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Creative crafts, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Held **Monday through Thursday, July 28 – 31 from 9:00 – 11:30 am**, the program is designed for children 3k (potty-trained and a birth date on or before 12/31/2021) to entering 5th grade.

To register a child, [click here](#)

To volunteer, [click here](#).

HELP SOMEONE IN NEED

Help someone in need through Living Word's **Grocery Gift Card** distribution this Easter. Your donation will count as an offering. If you write a check, please put "Sharing Our Bounty" on the memo line. Special envelopes are available at reception.

**CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS'
MEETING**

Sunday, April 13, 2025
(after worship)

Agenda

- I. Call to Order/Prayer
- II. Church Plant – Slinger
*Speaker: Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador,
Mission Executive,
South Wisconsin District*
- III. Council Update
- IV. Closing Prayer/Adjournment

Note: Per Article II of the By-Laws, changes to the agenda will not be accepted at the voters' meeting; also, any number of voting members in attendance at a voters' meeting constitutes a quorum.

Monthly Recap

YTD giving through 1/31/2025

January Giving:	\$29,324
February Giving:	\$38,359
Monthly Budgeted Need:	\$27,135
YTD Giving	\$67,683

Sunday Attendance

♦ Feb. 2	125
♦ Feb. 9	136
♦ Feb. 16	138
♦ Feb. 23	129
♦ Mar. 2	142
♦ Mar. 9	150
♦ Mar. 16	196
♦ Mar. 23	149
♦ Mar. 30	154

2025 Average Attendance: 145

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

April Theme: He is Risen!

"He has Risen. Just as he said he would" Matthew 28:6



MADE WITH LOVE IN THE CDC KITCHEN

Our friends in Wrap Around have been busy in the kitchen with **Miss Miranda and Mr. Sam!**

In the last few months, they have made Christmas cookies, banana chocolate chip muffins,

homemade ice cream, brownie marshmallow snowmen, chocolate fondue for Valentine's Day and homemade pasta. Well done room 5!



SEEKING TOY DONATIONS



We are starting a toy library, where staff can rotate toys in their classrooms. We are looking for gently used or new toy sets or sensory items. Monetary donations

are also welcome. To learn more, contact Tamara Breckenfelder at tamara.breckenfelder@mylivingword.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, April 10
EASTER PROGRAM
6:15 pm

Thursday, April 17
CDC CLOSED
Staff Inservice

Friday, April 18
CDC CLOSED
Good Friday

Thursday, May 22
4K GRADUATION
Last day for 4K & part-day 3K

Monday, May 26
CDC CLOSED
Memorial Day

FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

- **2025-26 WBSD 4K** is for children in the West Bend School District who are at least four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2025.

Registration forms are at the Information Station on the CDC Lobby wall, along with 4K brochures, supply lists, calendars, parenting articles and more!

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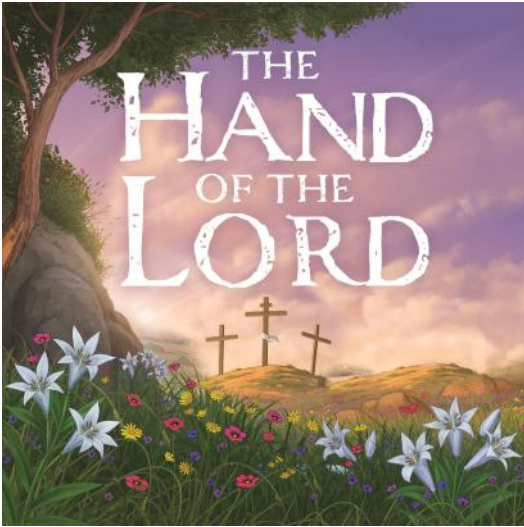
April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday	31 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	1 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Elders' Mtg	2 5:00-6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm, Lent Service <i>Praise Team after</i>	3 1:30 pm Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Mtg	4 Ladies' Small Group	5 6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting
6 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study/ Sunday school 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group Mtg 6:30 pm, Cub Scouts Cmte Mtg	7 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	8 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	9 5:00-6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm, Lent Service <i>Praise Team after</i>	10 1:30 pm Ladies' Small Group 6:15 pm CDC Easter Program	11 Ladies' Small Group	12 9:00—1:00 pm Crossing Rental
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship Congregational Voter's Mtg	14 6:30 pm, Den Mtg 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	15 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study	16 7:00 pm Praise Team	17 CDC Closed 1:30 pm Ladies' Small Group 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Service	18 CDC Closed 6:30 pm Good Friday Service	19 CDC Closed
20 EASTER 6:30 am, Sunrise Worship 7:30-8:30 am, Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Worship	21 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	22 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Den Mtg	23 5:00 pm Confirm. Walk-thru 6:30 pm, Den Mtg 7:00 pm Praise Team	24 1:30 pm Ladies' Small Group	25 Ladies' Small Group	26 Ladies' Small Group
27 9:00 am Worship CONFIRMATION Rental 12:00 pm—4:00 pm	28 6:30 pm, Den Mtg 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	29 9:15-11:00 am Women's Bible Study	30 7:00 pm Praise Team	1 1:30 pm Ladies' Small Group	2 Ladies' Small Group	3 6:00-9:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday Worship Volunteers Living Word Lutheran Church April 2025

Areas of Service	Sunday April 6	Sunday April 13	Sunday April 20 6:30 & 9:00 am	Sunday April 27	Sunday May 4	Sunday May 11
Ushers	Michael M. John R. Adam S.	Tom B. Peter C. Adam S.	By Sign Up	Ray H. Scott P. Adam S.	Kurt M. Chris R. Adam S.	Marty L. Bryan P. Adam S.
Communion Assistants	Todd K. Mike K.	Ryan H. Nick S.	TBA	Chuck L.	TBA	TBA
Lector	Lisa C.	Mike K.	By Signup	Bill O.	Crystal Z.	Audra A.
Acolytes	Chase C. Lydia D.	Marleigh & Hayden L.	By Signup	Lillian & Karissa A.	Matthias L. Hudson Z.	Silas & Ezra H.
Altar Guild	Jill K.	Gina L.	By Signup	Sherry D.	Kelli Jo A.	Kathy F.
PowerPoint	Eliza A.	Celia A.	By Signup	Zeke S.	Boston Z.	Jaelle G.
Fellowship	Karen K. Gail C. Bonnie W.	Carolyn F. Bonnie & Jerry G. Brian & Karen K.	Easter Breakfast	Jan H. Joan L. Mary Jo & Chris R.	Roz H. Connie H. Kay V.	Bonnie W. Karen K. Bonnie & Jerry G.

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



“THE HAND OF THE LORD”

Midweek Lenten Services

6:30 pm, Wednesdays

Through April 9

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday

9:00 am, April 13

Holy Thursday

6:30 pm, April 17

Good Friday

6:30 pm, April 18

Easter Sunday, April 20

Sunrise service, 6:30 am

Celebration service, 9:00 am

Easter Breakfast

between services

Sign up at reception.

Holy Communion will be offered at all Holy Week services, except Good Friday

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