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IN WORSHIP

An Apostle's Epistles

August 18 - September 22

Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 am

In this series we will look at the many messages Paul shares with the churches he helped found. There are many similarities that each church faced as well as differences. We'll look at each church and learn their significance to the church of today.



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Legacy of Song Worship Concert

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16

Come join us on August 25, at 9:00 and 10:30 am, for this special celebration in song led by the Worship Choir and orchestra, as we sing our faith and make witnesses to the promises of God in Jesus Christ.



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PASTOR'S PEN

Missional Alignment

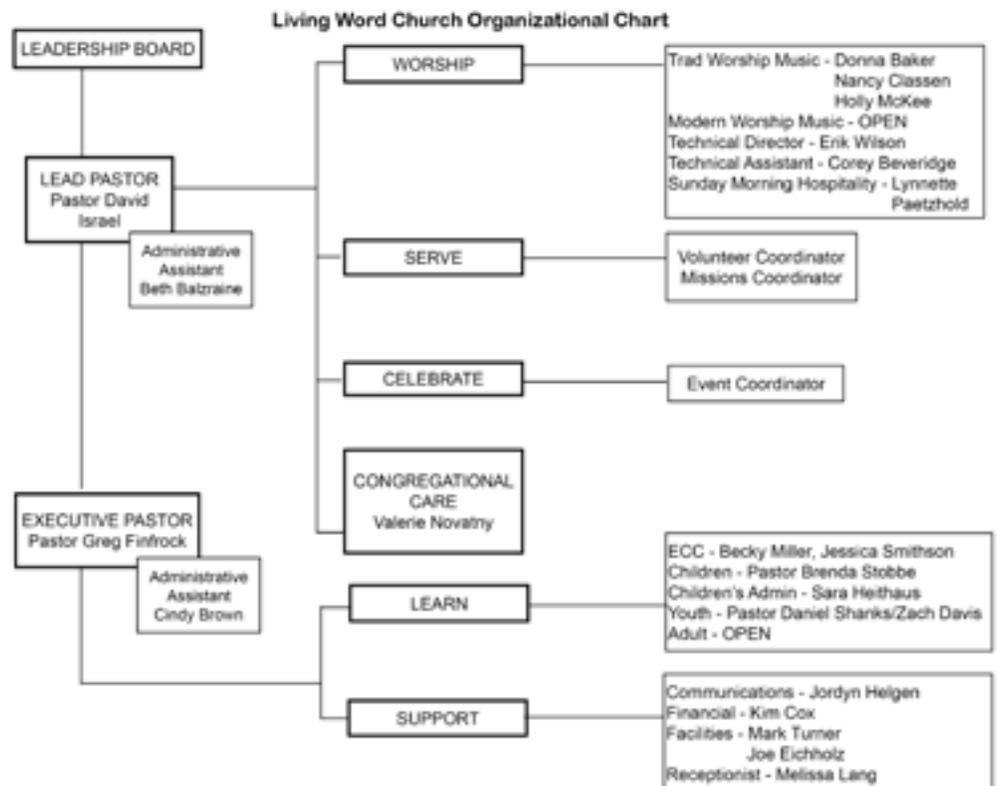
You may have noticed that over the last year or more, Living Word has had quite a bit of staff change over. This is common in any workplace. However, it seems that when it happens in church there is an unsettling concern people have which leads to anxiety. Let me assure you that the change is normal, as is the anxiety. In my experience I've moved to three other churches where I came as the new lead pastor. These were churches with staff already in place. In those moves I've found that staff turnover is heavier in the first year than in subsequent years. I've floated this as a concern with other pastors of larger churches and they've assured me this is quite normal.

Since I've arrived we've seen five staff transitions and I am working on the sixth. I know that seems like a lot, but refer to the previous paragraph and know it is all quite normal, despite the unsettling nature of it. There is also a positive that grows out of the phenomena of human resource challenges. That is the opportunity to move the staff to focus on a new direction without having to change everyone at once. The new staff doesn't know any different because they lack the experience in this church. Those who stick around have to get on board with the new leadership, but I've always found they do.

Through all of this transition I've taken this opportunity to reorganize the staff structure to better focus on the mission of the church. Our mission statement reads this way: "We exist to live as a community who follows Jesus, as we worship, learn, serve, and celebrate together." The key words there, which we call "The Four Pillars," are "Worship," "Learn," "Serve" and "Celebrate." You can see how the staff is structured such that I am overseeing the "Worship," "Serve," "Celebrate" and "Congregational Care." Pastor Greg will oversee "Learn" and "Support." You'll also note that there are many spots in this that are not yet filled. The idea is that as we grow as a congregation, those roles will be filled.

As we move into our future together we will more and more focus on those Four Pillars to guide our decision making. In this way you will have a clear understanding of where we are going as a church and what you can expect going forward. Let me also add, these Four Pillars are not just an organizing principle. These are four ways we are going to emphasize your relationship with Jesus Christ, just as the mission statement suggests. I hope this helps you understand what's happening even more.

In Christ's Love,
 Pastor Dave
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEART —

Fall is almost here! Soon, our kids will be back in school, summer vacations will be behind us and cooler weather will prevail. Here at Living Word, the arrival of fall also means that our adult learning opportunities kick back in to full gear. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to consider getting involved in one of our Christian education opportunities this fall. There's a lot to choose from!

Since our year-long "Journey Through the New Testament" is still in full-swing, let me start with our Journey small groups. At the beginning of September, these groups will be continuing with the study of Ephesians, and moving on through the remainder of Paul's letters. New people are always welcome at any of these groups!

Several of our Sunday School classes are using the Journey curriculum throughout 2019. If you would like to attend a Journey group on Sunday morning, the Active Faith class at 8:00 am, the Getting Out of the Boat class at 9:00 am and a Journey small group at 10:30 am all meet at Living Word, and use the Journey through the New Testament readings as the basis for their study.

If you'd like to participate in a Journey group other than Sunday morning, there are many options. If you want to meet at Living Word, you have the choice of a women's group at 12:30 pm on Tuesdays or another coed group at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays, a men's group at 6:00 am on Wednesdays or a coed group at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays. Childcare is only available during the Wednesday evening coed class. If you prefer the comfort of meeting in a private home, Gerald and Shannon Hauri host on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, Bill and Jan Reichter host on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm, and Kevin and Nancy Shukers also host on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Children are welcome at both the Hauri's and the Shukers'.

If you would prefer a group that is not utilizing the Journey curriculum, there are several more options. An early morning women's Bible study meets at 7:30 am on Tuesdays, a group for parents of school age children meets at 9:30 am on Tuesdays, a group for seniors meets at 11:00 am on Tuesdays and we have two older-adult Sunday School groups meeting on Sunday mornings at 7:45 am and 10:30 am. In general, these groups follow a particular curriculum for six to eight weeks – but all of them welcome new participants at any time! Check in to the Adult Ministries page on the Living Word website for full details on upcoming classes, times, and curriculum.

Finally, once again this year, I'll be leading a group through a long-term in-depth Bible study. This year's class will be on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and we'll be using the "Christian Believer" curriculum. If you are interested in a comprehensive overview of orthodox Christian beliefs, and their basis in Scripture, this class will be just what you're looking for. What is God like? What do we believe about Jesus? What is meant by church-y words like "sin," "salvation," "grace," "atonement" and "sanctification?" What, exactly, is church FOR? What is the culmination of it all? In this class, we will investigate all these questions, and more. Except for occasional weeks off for holidays, this class meets weekly from September through May, and requires a commitment to daily study of the Bible. If you are interested in this class, please contact me, or watch for sign-up opportunities in the all-church email or on the Living Word website.

I pray that this fall, you will make Christian learning a priority. You might be surprised at the impact that weekly study and discussion of your faith can have on your walk with Christ!

In Christ's Love,
Greg Finfrock
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FALL 2019 CHRISTIAN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE WEEK

TIME	GROUP TYPE	CURRICULUM	FACILITATOR	LOCATION
Sunday:				
7:45-8:45 am	Sunday School	Various Bible Studies	Bill McCormick	Church
8:00-9:00 am	Sunday School	Journey through the New Testament	Patty Brown	Church
9:00-10:00 am*	Sunday School	Journey through the New Testament	Bill VanLue	Church
10:30-11:30 am*	Co-ed Journey Group	Journey through the New Testament	Tony Hartsfield	Church
10:30-11:30 am*	Sunday School	Cokesbury Adult Bible Study	Becky Ernst	Church
Monday:				
7:00-8:00 pm*	Co-ed Journey Group	Journey through the New Testament	Gerald and Shannon Hauri	Home
Tuesday:				
7:30-9:00 am	Women's Study	Various Short-Term Studies	Connie Davidson	Church
9:30-10:30 am*	Parents of Young Children	Various Short-Term Studies	Emily Dowell	Church
11:00 am-Noon	Seniors Study	The Gospel of Mark	Greg Finrock	Church
12:30-2:30 pm	Women's Journey Group	Journey through the New Testament	Ann Lindemann	Church
7:00-8:00 pm	Co-ed Journey Group	Journey through the New Testament	Scott Watson	Home
7:00-8:00 pm*	Co-ed Journey Group	Journey through the New Testament	Kevin and Nancy Shukers	Home
7:00-8:30 pm	Co-ed Journey Group	Journey through the New Testament	Mike and Kim McGee	Church
Wednesday:				
6:00-7:00 am	Men's Journey Group	Journey through the New Testament	David Israel	Church
6:30-7:30 pm*	Co-ed Journey Group	Journey through the New Testament	Rob and Alicia Landers	Church
6:30-8:30 pm*	Co-ed Study	Christian Believer	Greg Finrock	Church

*Childcare/Children's Sunday School available, or children welcome in group leader's home

MUSIC



MUSIC MINISTRY FALL SCHEDULE 2019-2020

Adult Ensembles

Worship Choir begins September 4, Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Joyful Noise begins August 28, Wednesday, 6:15 – 6:55 pm

Praise Hymn begins August 21, Wednesday, 6:15 – 6:55 pm

Men of Faith begins August 7, Wednesday, 8:30 – 9:00 pm

Wesley Ringers begins August 6, Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Youth Choirs begin September 8

FBI Middle School Choir (6-8 grade), Sunday 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Great Awakening High School Choir (9-12 grade), Sunday 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Please contact Donna Baker at dbaker@livingwordumc.org for more information.

Children's Choirs begin September 8

Bent Halos (ages 3-Kindergarten), Sunday, 10:10 – 10:25 am

LW Kids (grades 1 - 5), Sunday, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Please contact Brenda Stobbe at bstobbe@livingwordumc.org for more information on children's choirs.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Journey Through the New Testament

Journey Through the New Testament Devotion Book Four (July 8 –September 6) and new small group lists as well as the reading checklist are available in the lobby or at www.livingwordumc.org. Sign up for a Journey Small Group at lwinfo.org.

Mission Exchange

On Sunday, September 8, at 5:00 pm, the Mission Team will hold a Mission Exchange. The goal will be to interact with other mission leaders from our community, sharing best practices and engaging in a fellowship network. There will be a guest speaker as well as information from the Mission Team about how to apply for a grant from the 2019 Christmas Miracle Offering. A light dinner will be served. All church members who are involved with mission work are invited to bring that mission's executive director for this Exchange. Contact Beth Balzraine at bbalzraine@livingwordumc.org for more information.

Senior Social

Please join in the fun for any of the Senior Social studies or activities in August. Invite a friend!

August 6, 13, 20, 27 – 11:00 am Senior Bible Study with Pastor Greg

Tuesday, August 13 – 12:00 - 2:00 pm Senior Social Luncheon – Root Beer Floats! No words needed... yum!

Save the Date

August 18 – Coffee with the Pastor

August 25 – Legacy of Song Worship Concert

September 9 – Men's Club Train Museum Outing

Worship Attendance

July 7 - 434

July 14 - 469

July 21 - 430

July 28 - 485

Coffee with the Pastor

Would you like to learn more about Living Word? Come to Coffee with the Pastor Sunday, August 18, at 10:00 am in Room 200. This casual get-together with Pastor Dave allows you to ask any questions you might have. Coffee, donuts and childcare provided.

Men's Club Train Museum Invitation

Love model trains? Want to share with your kids or grandkids your fondest memories of playing with your train set? Living Word Men's Club invites all men to bring their kids or grandkids on September 9 to the Iron Spike Model Train Museum in Washington, MO. The Iron Spike Museum has about two acres of model trains set up and running. Model Train enthusiasts will give us a private tour of the facility.

A sack dinner and drink will be provided to take on the buses as we drive out to the museum. Meet at the church at 6:00 pm to board the buses. Please contact Steve Ernst by August 15 at 314-920-2840 or at sbevetteman@live.com to reserve your spot so we can plan for meals and bus capacity.

GriefShare Beginning Monday, September 9

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. That's the reason for GriefShare, a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. This group is facilitated by people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects with real-life stories of people who have experienced losses like yours.

GriefShare will begin Monday, September 9, and will meet every Monday through December 9 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in Room 211/212. If you are interested in attending this 13-week course, please register at livingwordumc.org/living-word-news or contact Val Novatny, Director of Congregational Care at 636-821-2823 or vnovatny@livingwordumc.org. There is a cost of \$15.00 for the participant workbook.

MISSIONS



Thank You Living Word!

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 talks about the Body of Christ and how each body part plays an important role so the whole body can function properly. This is so true with Backpack Attack. This year we had 72 volunteers and many people who donated supplies or financial resources to help make this ministry event successful. Thank you all for being the body of Christ! 310 Rockwood families benefited from this event and were shown love in a way that greatly impacted them. I hope it impacted you, too.

Doreen Norris, Backpack Attack Chair



Mission Item for Agape Help House

Save your egg cartons for Agape Help House Pantry! Agape Help House receives donated eggs in bulk and needs egg cartons so they can give a dozen at a time to their clients. Please drop off your egg cartons at the donation bins on the lower level.

Agape Help House assists low income, disabled and elderly families who have difficulty meeting their monthly financial needs. If you have questions about volunteering, contact Rick Furgerson at rick@theaudiovideogroup.com.

MISSIONS CONT.

Meramec Elementary Backpack Assembly

This Sunday, August 4, we will be assembling backpacks for Meramec Elementary in Room 205/207. Children will begin the process during Sunday School and all others are invited to spend some time doing the same from 10:00 - 11:30 am or following the 10:30 am service. All items and instructions will be in the room. We have 240 backpacks to fill and transport to Meramec Elementary this week. Thanks so much for your willingness to help. Contact Brenda Stobbe for more information at bstobbe@livingwordumc.org.

Meramec Elementary Bulletin Boards

On Wednesday, August 7, we are assembling a crew to go to Meramec Elementary and do hallway bulletin boards for the staff. Last year we did seven bulletin boards and we will need to do at least that many again this year. If you have ideas, please let Pastor Brenda know or if you'd simply be willing to be a pair of hands, that will work as well. We plan on starting about 10:00 am and hope to finish around lunch time. Contact Pastor Brenda at bstobbe@livingwordumc.org or by calling the church office at 636-821-2800.

Meramec Elementary Volunteers and Students



YOUTH

Youth Events for Middle School and High School Save the Date!!

August 1 - 4: Youth Mexico Mission Trip

August 11: Youth Parent Meeting

August 17: Youth Float Trip

Sunday Afternoons: Youth Group from 1:30 - 3:00 pm at Living Word

Check out livingwordumc.org/youth for updates, details and permission forms or contact Zach Davis at zdavis@livingwordumc.org for more information!

Youth Parent Meeting - August 11

All youth parents are invited to attend a Parent Meeting on Sunday, August 11, following the second service. A lunch will be provided and can include your students and other children; however, the meeting is for parents as we will be discussing the vision of the Youth Ministry at Living Word.

Please RSVP at livingwordumc.org/living-word-news so we can be prepared. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Zach Davis at zdavis@livingwordumc.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold the following individuals in your personal prayers. Names are kept on the prayer list for two weeks. If you wish to remain on the prayer list, simply fill out the Prayer Request on the Get Connected Card.

Patty Porter
Pat Kunkel
Bob Vincent
Bill Dalton
Karen Tanaka
Paul Steckler
Stella Klein
Peggy Cruse
Bill Cruse
Krista King
Melva Kimker

Sarai Ramnani
Pam Savage
Bonnie Settlemeier
Jim Stephens
Al Sappington
Phyllis Sappington
Rev. Richard Combs
Sophia Miller
Joan Burkholder
Duke Goodwin
Bill Brown

Carol Margreiter
Judy Hoffman
Jean Hastings
Nini Schneider
Joe and Delia Reyes
Thomas and Denice Geredine
Stephen Ministry at Living Word

FOR MORE PRAYER INFORMATION:

livingwordumc.org/care

TO HAVE CARDS SENT:

livingwordumc.org/care

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

For pre-surgery prayer, please call the Church Office at 636-821-2800 with surgery date and time, check-in time and hospital name. To add a prayer to the above list, please fill out the Connect Card Prayer Request section or you may email prayerchain@livingwordumc.org. To schedule a home visit please contact Valerie Novatny at vnovatny@livingwordumc.org. Emergency Congregational Care 24/7 On-Call Phone: 636-821-2888.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Living Word Staff Update

I am very excited to announce to you that Jordyn Helgen will be joining the Living Word staff as Director of Communications and Marketing. Jordyn's first day was Monday, July 29. Jordyn grew up in Hillsboro, Illinois, and moved to the St. Louis area in 2018 after marrying her husband, Brayden. She earned her communications and elementary education degrees at Blackburn College, where she served as editor-in-chief of the student newspaper. Prior to joining Living Word in 2019, her professional roles included news reporting and corporate communications. She attended the Hillsboro United Methodist Church in her hometown for more than 20 years, and served there as a choir member, accompanist and worship team leader. In her free time, Jordyn enjoys traveling, crafting, watching Fixer Upper and hanging out with her cat, Mittens.

Please welcome Jordyn to our Living Word family!



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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP CELEBRATION TIMES

9:00 am Traditional Service
10:30 am Contemporary Service



Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 am
Sunday School for preschool, elementary
and adults at 10:30 am

LW Kids SUMMER FUN!

Contact Pastor Brenda
Stobbe at bstobbe@livingwordumc.org for more
information on Children's
Ministries!

Water Play Day at Living Word

Tuesday, August 6, from 12:00 - 2:30 pm, 1st - 5th graders are invited for an afternoon of water fun! Hot dogs and icy treats included. Younger children are invited to join accompanied by a parent or an adult. Please contact Brenda Stobbe to register or for more information at bstobbe@livingwordumc.org.



Cooking Camp at Living Word!

