



IN WORSHIP

Living a Life That Leads

September 29 – October 13

Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 am



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Whether you lead in church, business, school or family, each of us is called to some form of leadership. In the "Pastoral Epistles" of 1st and 2nd Timothy, Titus and Philemon, we find leadership advice written centuries before it became the "in" thing to write about. We'll explore this advice as it applies to all aspects of our lives.



On Tuesday, September 10, Living Word's Senior Social group gathered for a picnic lunch at Old Pond School! Members learned about the historic site and reminisced about their own school days by sharing school photos with one another. See page 5 for more photos of the outing.

FOLLOW US:



PASTOR'S PEN

An Attitude of Gratitude

Every time I step up to preach, I feel a deep sense of gratitude. It is a privilege to be called upon to share the Word of God with the people of God. I find myself thankful that, after 25 years of ministry elsewhere, I'm called upon to share it with you, the people of Living Word. Not just you, but the people of the West St. Louis County community, of whom I count myself as one. I have the great, good fortune to pastor where I grew up - the church being only 12 miles from my childhood home. I am blessed in my ministry because I am serving people I'm familiar with. Finally, I'm blessed because this church is so close to my children and grandchildren, and I count it a sacred privilege to be in their lives.

As followers of Jesus Christ, counting your blessings is at the center of your worship. You have a gracious God. God's Son, Jesus Christ, brought to you your salvation. The Spirit of God guides you into those deeper places of faith that draw you into thankful worship. Do you see it? Can you live it? Imagine being without all that God has graced you with and then consider adjusting your "attitude of gratitude." Living a life of thankfulness is so important to your ability to truly worship and trust the Lord.

In a few days you'll be receiving a letter from me that includes an invitation to 40 Days of Prayer. The prayers are simple, one-line prayers that invite you into thankful reflection. For those of you who follow the Journey Through The New Testament, these prayers are reflective of your daily readings. If you get the devotions by email, you'll find the prayer reminder at the bottom. Prayerful thankfulness is one distinct way to find yourself drawn deeper and deeper into a deeper faith.

In the first weeks of November, the message series is called "Living The Word." The notion is that we are all called to a life that is reflective of the Word of God which dwells in our heart. One of the opportunities in that time will be to make a financial "Estimate of Giving" for 2020 in response to the many reasons for thankfulness you've reflected on over the 40 Days of Prayer. I encourage you to consider the threefold way that the Living Word of God comes to your life: Jesus Christ, Holy Scripture and Living Word Church. As you do, consider a thankful response to these and other blessings in your life.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Dave
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Coffee with the Pastor

Would you like to learn more about Living Word? Come to Coffee with the Pastor on Sunday, November 17, at 10 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.



MISSIONS



Living Word Volunteers for HavenHouse

On Wednesday, August 28, Living Word volunteers prepared meals at Time for Dinner for families staying at HavenHouse!



Mary Martha Circle

On Thursday, September 26, Mary Martha Circle group members held their annual Autumn Potluck Supper. The mission of the Mary Martha Circle is to lead women to serve Jesus Christ through mission work and to minister to each other through friendship, fellowship and prayer. Contact Mary Ottenberg for more information at ottenberg7598@gmail.com or at 314-757-7598.



Mission Exchange

On September 8, Living Word members, the Living Word Mission Team and representatives from organizations from across the metro St. Louis area gathered to participate in a Mission Exchange. Cyndi Miller, Executive Director of Circle of Concern, shared information on “Navigating Organizational Change.” Pastor David Israel also shared the application process for a grant from the 2019 Christmas Miracle Offering. The next important dates related to the 2019 Christmas Miracle Offering will be:

- Oct. 16 – Requests for Grant Proposals due by 5 pm.
- Oct. 28 – Mission Team meets to consider Grant Proposals and to generate follow up questions, as needed.
- Nov. 11 – Mission Team meets for final consideration and decision on the 2019 Miracle Offering grant recipients.
- Nov. 17 – Announce the 2020 Signature Missions (the recipients of the 2019 Miracle Offering Grants) in Worship.

Please contact Beth Balzaine at bbalzaine@livingwordumc.org or 636-821-2800 for more information on the application process.

Children's Winter Clothing Needed

During the month of October, we will be collecting new and gently used children's coats, hats and gloves for Meramec Elementary. Please bring your donations to the Mission Bins located on the lower level near the elevators. Thank you for your support of Meramec kids!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Journey Through the New Testament

Journey Through the New Testament Devotion Book Five (September 9 – November 8) and new small group lists as well as the reading checklist are available in the lobby or at livingwordumc.org. Sign up for a Journey Small Group at lwinfo.org.

Charge Conference

This year's Charge Conference has been called by District Superintendent Robin Bell, to be held at St. Andrew United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 13, from 3-5 pm. All church members are welcome to attend; however, only the currently elected church officers may vote.

United Methodist Church Choral Festival

Worship Choir members will be participating in the UMC Gateway Choral Festival on Sunday, October 6. Music of guest composer and director, Victor C. Johnson, will be featured as choirs across the Gateway District gather together to present a concert at 7:00 pm, at Manchester UMC.

Senior Social

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

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Senior Bible Study with Pastor Greg in Room 211/212 at 11 am.

Oct. 8: Senior Social Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 12 pm - Bring your friend or neighbor and join us as we celebrate the autumn season with a delicious lunch and fun Halloween trivia and games.

Save the Date

- Oct. 3 - Men's Club Chili Cook-Off**
- Oct. 6 - UMC Gateway Choral Festival**
- Oct. 13 - Charge Conference**
- Oct. 24 - Mary Martha Circle**

Worship Attendance

September 1 - 430
September 8 - 463
September 15 - 509
September 22 - 438
September 29 - 432

Sunday Morning Refreshment Coordinator

While the search for a new Sunday Morning Refreshment Coordinator is still underway, Living Word is looking for volunteers to temporarily fill the position. Duties primarily include setting up and maintaining Sunday morning refreshment stations before and during worship. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Beth Balzraine at bbalzraine@livingwordumc.org. If you are interested in applying for the position, visit livingwordumc.org or contact Pastor David Israel at disrael@livingwordumc.org.

Men's Club Chili Cook-Off

Calling all Living Word cooks! Dust off that secret family recipe and enter the first annual Chili Cook-Off on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 6-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Living Word.

For more information or to sign up, contact Steve Ernst at 636-537-9030 or Scott Reichter at 636-399-0543 or reichter.scott@gmail.com.

Mary Martha Circle

The Mary Martha Circle of Living Word will meet on Thursday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. in room 205/207. Our activity will be a Christmas Love Gifts workshop led by Marty Schnatterly. We will assemble 200 treats for our community's firefighters, EMS, 911 teams, police and highway personnel who take such good care of us. All materials will be provided – just bring your helping hands. Come join us as we work together to share God's love with others. All women are welcome. For further information, please contact circle president Mary Ottenberg at 314-757-7598.

Service of Remembrance

Living Word Church will host a Service of Remembrance for all those who are dealing with the grief and loss of a loved one. No matter how long it has been since your loved one has passed, grief can make the holidays a painful time. Join us on Sunday, November 17, at 6:00 pm for "Pathway to Peace." For more information, please visit www.livingwordumc.org or contact Val Novatny at vnovatny@livingwordumc.org.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



We celebrate the baptisms of Henry and Kaylee Reed, children of Rob and Kim Reed of Ellisville. Congratulations!



On Sunday, September 29, Living Word celebrated the retirement of Lynnette Paetzhold, who served as the Sunday Morning Hospitality Coordinator. Congratulations, Lynnette!



Blankets for Meramec

On Thursday, August 29, members of the Living Word staff made blankets for students at Meramec Elementary!



Senior Social

Members of Living Word's Senior Social group enjoyed the August picnic luncheon at Old Pond School.



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Middle School and High School Fall Youth Group Schedule

OCTOBER

10/6, 10/13 Sunday, 2:00 pm, **High School Youth Group**
10/6, 10/13, Sunday, 3:00 pm, **Middle School Youth Group**
10/20, 10/27 Sunday **Youth Small Groups** (see below)
10/12 Saturday, 8:30 am, **Dare 2 Share** (All Youth)
10/31-11/1 Thursday, 9:00 pm - Friday, 8:00 am, **Halloween Lock-In** (High School)

NOVEMBER

11/3, 11/10, 11/17 Sunday **Youth Small Groups** (see below)
11/15-11/17 Friday - Sunday, **Eagle Sky Retreat** (High School)
11/17 Sunday, **Confirmation Parent Meeting** (after second service)
11/24 Sunday, **Friendsgiving** at the Mitchells' house (High School)

DECEMBER

12/1, 12/8 Sunday **Youth Small Groups** (see below)
12/15 Sunday, 4:30 and 6:00 pm, **Christmas Concert** (FBI/Great Awakening)
12/18 Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, **Christmas Party** (All Youth)

Sunday mornings: Sunday School for All Youth at 9:00 am in the Youth Room

Sunday afternoons:

High School Small Groups - 2:00 pm
Middle School Choir - 2:00 pm (FBI)
High School Choir - 3:00 pm (Great Awakening)
Middle School Small Groups - 3:00 pm



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

Save the Date!

October 12 - Dare2Share LIVE!

Dare2Share LIVE! is a one-day outreach event that gives youth leaders and all students (grades 6 – 12) an incredible way to reach people in their communities and schools by praying, serving and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. For more info, visit livingwordumc.org/living-word-news.

October 31 - High School Lock-In

All high school students are invited to a Halloween Lock-In at the church beginning on Thursday, October 31, at 9:00 pm, and concluding on Friday, November 1, at 8:00 am. Activities include costumes, food, games and (not so) scary movies. Invite a friend!

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.

Amanda McKee
Jerry
Marni
Bill Reichter
Bob Vincent
Stella Klein
Peggy Cruse
Bill Cruse
Melva Kimker
Sarai Ramnani

Jim Stephens
Phyllis Sappington
Sophia Miller
Duke Goodwin
Bill Brown
Carol Margreiter
Judy Hoffman
Jean Hastings
Nini Schneider

The Holstine family and friends on the loss of Riley Holstine
The Carpenter and Gruen families on the loss of Berta
Carpenter's uncle, Harold Gruen
The Wahl family on the loss of Todd Wahl's grandmother,
Elizabeth Wahl

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 Val Novatny at vnovatny@livingwordumc.org. Emergency Congregational Care 24/7 On-Call Phone: 636-821-2888.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Interested in Membership?

At Living Word, our primary focus is on assisting people to connect with God and each other. Church membership is a recognition of the belonging, or connection, that has already taken place within the life of our community. We want you to know that we are interested in learning more about you, your family and your spiritual journey.

Our Welcome Team would love to have the opportunity to meet with you so we can get to know you, and better assist you in your spiritual walk and development. If you would like to set up a time to meet throughout the week or on Sunday morning, please contact Pastor Greg Finrock (Executive Pastor) at 636-821-2800.

If you are interested in membership, please contact the church office at 636-821-2800.

Online Service

Did you know you can view past sermons and services online? That's right! All sermons are located on our website at livingwordumc.org/sermons, and full services are located at livingwordumc.org/ondemand. Make sure to check it out next time you're out of town!

Adult Ministries

At Living Word, we want to encourage people on their spiritual journey. We have studies, small groups, mission/service opportunities and fun events scheduled year-round to help you connect with God and others as we all grow in faith. For more information, visit livingwordumc.org/adults/.



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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

On Monday, Sept. 9, members of Living Word's Men's Club and their families visited the Iron Spike Model Train Museum in Washington, Missouri!

