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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, August 31 Worship

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM - Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM - Coffee Hour

1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM* -Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, September 2

10:00 AM – Worship and Music Meeting



Sunday, September 7 Worship

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM - Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM - Coffee Hour

1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM* -Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, September 9

10:00 AM – Women's Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM – Church Board Meeting

*Always the goal, but may be impacted by technology issues beyond our control

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Full Lectionary for August 31, 2025; Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm Psalm 112

2nd Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

Full Lectionary for September 7, 2025; Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm Psalm 1

2nd Reading Philemon 1-21 Gospel Luke 14:25-33

LOOKING AHEAD

August 31, Sunday, 9:30 am Worship Service

September 1, Monday Labor Day Holiday

September 2, Tuesday, 10:00 am Worship & Music Meeting

September 7, Sunday, 9:30 am Worship Service

September 9, Tuesday, 10:00 am Women's Ministry Meeting

6:30 pm Church Board Meeting

<u>September 14, Sunday, 9:30 am</u> Worship Service – Rally Day

Congregational Picnic after worship

September 21, Sunday, 9:30 am Worship Service

Sunday School classes begin

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Immediately after the worship service.

The menu includes: Hot dogs and condiments, chili, potato salad, fruit, chips, cupcakes, and water. No need to bring anything, just your appetite!

Note: There will also be a "bounce house" for the children!



LAST SATURDAY, LIVING WORD HOSTED A MULTI-CHURCH YOUTH EVENT, organized by our own Feliz Lundberg! Youth ages 11-18 gathered to worship, pray, share testimonies and fellowship. Throughout our community, local high schools host "Jesus Clubs" in their schools and create evangelistic opportunities for students to share their faith in a way that protects them from religious discrimination.

The event on Saturday had youth from Living Word, Abundant Life, Eastpoint, Motion Church, and Jesus Club leaders all gathered together to lift up the name of Jesus in a Youth Revival expression of passionate worship and personal prayer time.

Living Word was honored to host this event and will always be available for young people who want to gather together to lift up the name of Jesus and pray for and reach their communities.



A Note to Committees

As we start the budge process for 2026, the Finance Committee needs each church committee to review future expenses for 2026.

COMMITTEE		CURRENT 2025 BUDGET	2025 YEAR TO DATE EXPENDITURES		2026 BUDGET REQUEST
Building Use and Decor	\$	700.00	\$	-	
Christian Education	\$	1,150.00	\$	273.03	
Evangelism	\$	2,400.00	\$	-	
Property & Building Maintenance/Tech	\$	5,336.00	\$	1,201.78	
Worship and Music	\$	2,500.00	\$	1,465.57	
Ministry support	\$	19,000.00	\$	12,660.28	
Security and Safety	\$	1,200.00	\$	-	

Please send your report to the Dick Schmidt

<u>DEDICATION OF THE JOSEPHINE FLETCHER MEMORIAL GARDEN</u> <u>AUGUST 24, 2025</u>

It was a very warm day on August 24th, around 10:35 am, when approximately 35 members and friends of Living Word celebrated the dedication of the Josephine Fletcher Memorial Garden. It was a very significant and memorable day.

Thanks to the Memorial Garden Committee consisting of Lorraine Stargel, Ron and Sharon Johnson, Dennis and Judy Krumweide, Ardis Kilber, Nancy Martin and Pastor Eric. Ron Johnson built the 6' steel cross and the benches, Sharon Johnson selected and planted the shrubs, trees, and plants. The Krumwiedes gave the arbor and provided yards of topsoil for the grass and garden as well as decorative rocks, Daryl Olson and Rick Field installed glass inserts in the doors to the garden, and many, many thanks to all those who moved rocks, spread dirt, laid sod, and helped in many ways. Our appreciation to everyone for your ideas, support and your prayers. But the most important "thank you" goes to Josephine Fletcher for her generosity. "We hope we made you proud, Josephine!"

Shown on the next page are the before and after pictures of the garden, and the Dedication Service.











PRAYER ROOM

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise."

James 3:18 (ESV)

Watch over those who put themselves in harm's way to protect us and grant peace of mind to the families who love and miss them. We praise you for continuing to protect:

Andrew Thompson (Griswold)
Josh Jepsen, USAF Utah

Elijah Lundberg, USMC Yuma, AZ

Owen Daubenspeck, USAF Spokane (Owen)

Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost loved ones recently:

Family and friends of Holly McCain Family and friends of Lin Jeffery

Family and friends of Don Brennan

Relieve pain for all who suffer in any way and restore them to good health of body, mind, and spirit. Encourage them and strengthen their caregivers:

Maurice Hedlund Darlene Luberts Amy Cruver Jeff Brennan

Carolyn Martin Bill Marsh Terry (and caregiver Ron)

Richard Mitchell (and caregiver Raeanne)

Cheryl Hedlund's aunt, Sue

Bob Martin

Sue Doll (sister-in-law of Duane & Valerie)

Wallace Duggan

John Loshbaugh (Owen's brother)

Johnny Beck (son of Sharlene Parker and brother of Toni Sherman)

Yvonne Olson

Debbi Zavadil

David Martin (son of Bob and Nancy Martin)

Duane Claiborne

Lori Schmidt

John Loshbaugh (Owen's brother)

Kitty Jepsen

Tina (daughter of Judy Williams)

Grant discernment, wisdom, and courage to leaders within the church and world. Raise servants to accomplish Your will. May Your will be evident in all decisions and actions.

Living Word Members Living Word Leaders Persecuted Christians Victims of War in Ukraine and Israel/Middle East Elected Government Officials

Prayer and praise for healing and continued recovery:

Steve Vonderau Bonnie Socey Cheryl Hedlund Jan Williams (sister in law of Judy Williams)

Thank you, LORD, for hearing and answering our prayers – even when you do so differently than we would prefer. We pray in the holy and mighty name of Jesus, our LORD. Amen

Names in Bold are new additions. Please let the office know if you wish your request to remain on the list.

Otherwise, requests are removed after a month.