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Living Word Lutheran Church

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September Devotion-

'The Return:' A Movement for Thousands to Pray for Repentance on The Washington Mall, Sept. 26

Many people around the nation believe that America has been given a critical window of opportunity to repent and return to God. To that end, thousands will gather on the Washington Mall to participate in a movement called **"The Return,"** set for Sept. 26, 2020, in Washington, D.C., to pray for the sake of our nation and its people.

Believers and leaders from every walk of life are already part of **"The Return"** include Dr. James Dobson, Pat Robertson, Ann Graham Lotz, Alveda King, Kevin Jessip, Michele Bachmann, Gordon Robertson, Marcus Lamb, Bishop Harry Jackson—and many more.

The central day of **"The Return"** movement will

be Saturday, Sept. 26, in a sacred assembly according to what is laid forth in Scripture, taking place in the nation's capital on the Washington Mall. But it will also take place throughout America in events in cities, towns, houses of worship and homes, especially for those who can't travel to Washington, as well as in other nations around the world.

"The Return" is set for 40 days before the presidential election, and on the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, in the days of America's founding and dedication to God.

The event is live September 26, 2020 from the National Mall in Washington D.C. and also will be broadcast via website! Our church



has been accepted as a host site for simulcast of **"The Return"**!

Coordinated events within **"The Return"** movement will also take place throughout America's cities, towns, houses of worship and homes, as well as in multiple countries around the world, as many believe the nation has been given a critical window of opportunity to repent and return to God.

Visit **"The Return"**
www.thereturnwebsite.org
to learn more.

Stay tuned for more information closer to September 26!

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Comments about "The Return"

"I reviewed this info and I think it's timely and urgent. I trust the folks backing it up (James Dobson, Billy Graham's org, etc)... I think it's awesome that we are FINALLY as Christians doing OUR "protest-event" at the nation's mall in D.C." Pastor Michael

"Everything that made America great in these 244 years hangs in the balance. When I am tempted to despair, I remember that God is in control. Let's continue to ask Him to bring a mighty spiritual reawakening that will restore our beloved nation to its spiritual roots and draw us to Himself." Dr. James Dobson

"America is in trouble. Our communities are hurting, our people are divided, and there's fear and uncertainty all around us. Let's join together and do the most important thing: pray!"

Franklin Graham

September Scriptures

9/6 Romans 13:8-14, Psalm 119: 33-40, Matthew 18:15-20

9/13 Romans 14:1-12, Psalm 103: 1-13, Matthew 18:21-35

9/20 Philippians 1:21-30, Psalm 145: 1-8, Matthew 20:1-16

9/27 Philippians 2:1-13, Psalm 25: 1-9, Matthew 21: 23-32

Prayer Requests

For continuing comfort and healing

Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Donna Kowalske, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Char and Dale Matheny, Barbara McCord, Floyd Morris, Carol Wostal, Lula Stroud, Andrew Johnson

If you know of someone who should be included in the monthly ongoing prayer list, or you yourself would like to be included, please contact Pastor Michael (509-710-3283).



Dear LW Family,

first of all, thanks to all of you for your patience and flexibility in letting me adjust my schedule to be with my sister now and then during this time. Depending on her reactions to the chemo we are just taking it one week at a time.



As we enter September as a church family we also “begin anew” a Fall season that sort of starts our “program year”. I am excited to see how the Lord is going to use these challenging times to grow our church in new and different ways. Who would have thought four months ago that we would be receiving new members in August!? God is Good! So now I want everyone to prayerfully consider being a host and opening your home for three or four other members (so you can be COVID compliant) OR choose a restaurant with a group room (Pat Toth is organizing this for us) and create a small group to begin sometime in September and conclude at Thanksgiving. Pat will have a selection of “easy peasy” self directing materials to use. This is how we will continue growing. Read Acts 2: 43-47, especially verses 46 & 47 – this is the closeness we are going to need to not just survive but to grow stronger together to weather these stormy times.

Pastor Michael



What is a Small Group?

You may have noticed Pastor occasionally refers to a “small group,” but do you know what that means?

They’re an easy way to serve God while sharing His Word. Living Word has two Small Groups

now, but we are looking forward to having more.

Many small groups focus on Bible study such as the “Men’s Bible Study and Fellowship” group that meets Wednesday mornings. However, small groups can have a slightly different focus, such as the “Blessed and Unstoppable” women’s group led by Bev Valentine which provides Christian support for working women.

Group leaders invite their family, friends, neighbors, and anyone they think would enjoy being in a group of from 3-to-10 people. They

meet weekly for an agreed upon number of weeks.

At Living Word, we are looking forward to forming a new group, or two, who will meet from mid-September until Thanksgiving. For at home Bible study groups, group leaders don’t need to be a Bible expert or teacher.

If you would like to form your own small group, you’ll have all the guidance and materials you need.

Contact Pastor Michael or Pat Toth (928-565-1024) to learn more about what’s involved.



W.O.W

The August 22nd meeting of WOW opened with song, devotion and prayer.

WOW discussed many details of the:

1. **GIANT, HUGE, REALLY BIG FUND-RAISER YARD SALE:** to be held at the church on **Friday & Saturday 10/2&3**, 7am-1pm.

2. **FLAGS FOR CHANCEL:** WOW also voted to purchase a Christian and American flag for the chancel area.

3. **SALT PROJECT:** Members were re-



SALT for Mexico Project

Sponsored by
W.O.W.

August 31st is the last date of the Salt project to give thanks to the Lord for the food we are given and to help missions in Mexico during the pandemic in their country. All members of the church are encouraged to participate. Please turn in your donations:

- On Sunday, 8/30 or 9/6, please place your **salt shaker or cash contributions**, in an envelope marked SALT, in the tray at the back of the church.

minded that the Salt Project for Mexico missions will end this month and to bring donations in Sunday, 8/30 or 9/6.

4. **REFUNDS & RAFFLES:** It was decided to offer refunds to those who purchased tickets for the St. Patrick's Day dinner (\$5) that was cancelled due to the Covid pandemic. Those who would like a refund should contact Alice Jensen (928-530-1976) before 9/20. Any funds remaining will be used for other WOW projects. It was also decided that raffle tickets would be drawn for the St. Patrick's Day dinner 50/50 raffle and the Easter wreath raffle.

Upcoming Events:

- Pat Toth will have a church BBQ pot-

- Checks may be made payable to **Well Child International** and placed in the tray at church in an envelope marked SALT.

If you wish to give online, a "Go Fund Me" account has been set-up for this purpose. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/money-for-child-mexico-health-clinic>

As we say in Mexico:
"Muchisimas gracias y Dio te bendiga!"

"Thank you much and God bless you!" Pastor Michael

If you have any questions, please contact Donna (928-753-5762) or Karen (775-513-8367).

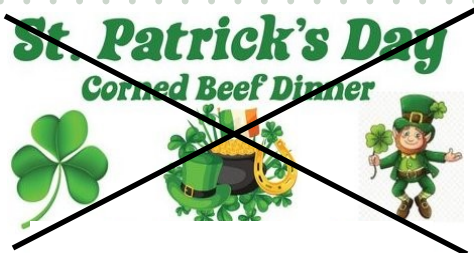
WOW IN ACTION!

luck at her home for church members Labor Day weekend, Sunday, 9/6. following worship. RSVP needed.

- Eileen Pressler showed a video on an upcoming event "The Return 2020" in Washington DC on 9/26. Living Word has registered as a host for the event to do something in Kingman, which is being discussed by Council. Eileen also talked about: A Seder Supper that is planned for Easter Week 2021 and the possibility of a KEMA tent revival this fall. The specific date is not known.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer!

See pg. 4 for more WOW information!



Sadly had to be Cancelled due to COVID!!

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(Money not refunded will be saved to fund an event in 2021!)

September Celebrations

Sept. 5 Alice Jensen

Sept. 8 Bob Pressler

Sept. 10 Mardell Bohling

Sept. 11 Ron Valentine

Sept. 13 Richard Prather

Sept. 19 Glen Peterson

Sept. 26 Michael Birnbaum



Sept. 13 Bob & Eileen Pressler

Sept. 15 Richard & Caroline Prather

Sept. 18 Greg & Alice Jensen

Living Word Council Minutes-Meeting Summary 7/9/20

Pastor Michael Birnbaum, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler, President Ken Bourlier, Vice-President Bob Pressler, Mission Coordinator Rosie Freeman & Secretary Sharon Peterson.

Meeting opened with prayer. June minutes approved.

Items to be added: Rosie, AAPC & WOW

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael Birnbaum Pastor gave a full report on Pastoral care. Would like to order U.S. & Christian Flags for the front of the church. Rosie will ask WOW if they would like to do this project. Christmas in July is set for 19th. Pastor made a motion to explore the 40 Lutheran denominations for additional affiliation's and a change to the constitution in January to accommodate additional affiliations. Council approved. Motion approved to make Pastor's new extension contract call through Dec 31, 2020

Pastor Assistant: Eileen Pressler Pastors next Sunday off is July 26, Pastor Steve Bergeson will be our supply pastor. Sunday July 19th (Christmas in July), discussion on having some sort of treat after worship. Eileen and Rosie will work on doing cookies in packages to hand

out after worship. Easter in August is scheduled for August 23. Plans are to continue using the Fellowship cups for communion at this time. Additional hand sanitizer is available. New stand has been provided with sanitizer. Face masks have been purchased. Subscription to Sermon Writer has been returned, suggest deposit check (\$59.99) into the designated fund for video equipment. Council approved. Numbered offering envelopes have been received. After discussion it was decided to wait until January 2021 to hand them out. Service for Holly Vautier, the wife of Rev. Grif Vautier is the 18th @ 10 am.

Vice President-Financial Report: Bob Pressler Our monthly rent payment was made on July 1st. Placed a call to Suddenlink in regards to internet and phone service. After talking to a salesperson he said that since we are a church and would be considered a business the cost would be \$130 per month. Council decided to wait at this time before making a change. Reports approved. Council approved.

Mission Coordinator: Rosie Freeman WOW is asking that our annual Yard Sale be

held on Oct 2nd/3rd. Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center (AAPC) Tea is scheduled for October 24, 2020. Motion approved to contribute \$100 toward the Tea as in past years. Rosie will look at doing an Action Project for the Tea. Council approved. Rosie will talk to Root to see what is needed and then look at doing an Action project for them.

Old Business: Media Team Project: Sharon showed council 3 camera's which Pam Burgett had recommended. Council will provide the funds (up to \$500) for this.

Next meeting August 3, 2020 at 1:30 pm

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Peterson, Secretary



September W.O.W. meeting

Saturday Sept. 19,
11-1 PM

Calico's Restaurant,
418 Beale (downtown)

928-753-5005

Contingent upon a group of 10 ordering. Please RSVP to Donna:

donnandjim@hotmail.com

At the meeting we will finalize details and schedules for the yard sale on October 2 & 3 so please plan to attend.

W.O.W. is the **Women Of the Word** group for all women who attend Living Word to support and encourage activities and events of the church.



Look Out! It's Coming! Our Annual

GIANT, HUGE, REALLY BIG FUNDRAISER YARD SALE:

Friday & Saturday, October 2 & 3, 7am-1pm

Gather up all those items you've been cleaning out of the closets, garage, bookcases, etc. We will be open for yard sale donations to be dropped off at church Monday - Thursday 9/28-10/1, 9 AM-1PM.

Sign-up sheets will be available on Sunday 9/20 & 27 for those who need large items picked up. **And we need yard sale volunteers. Sign up!**

We need you!



Fellowship Potluck & Cookout

You're invited!

Who	Everyone who attends Living Word Lutheran Church
When	Sunday, September 6
Where	3690 N. Miller Street, Kingman 86409
Time	Begins after the service (11:30-12) until everyone has gone home
Cost	A basket for "freewill offerings" will be at the house. Your contribution will help cover the cost of meat, buns, condiments, ice, paper products, etc.
Special Treat	Pastor Michael will be our grill master!

Menu

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Bring a dish to share

Bring your own beverage



Your **RSVP** is needed by **September 2**. Call Pat Toth at **928-565-1024** or email her at **PatriciaToth@hotmail.com**. She's coordinating to ensure we don't end up with 14 bowls of pickles and nothing else!

September Special Worship and Fellowship Events

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM at church

Sept. 3-Council meeting 1:30 PM

Sept. 3, 17-Women's group "Blessed and Unstoppable" 5:30 PM at church Contact Bev Valentine for more info- 928-377-2577 or beverlyvalentine@citlink.net

Sept. 6 -Labor Day Fellowship Pot Luck and Cook out-following worship @ Pat Toth's home

Sept. 19-WOW meeting 9 AM at church

Sept. 25-30-Men's Retreat

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Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, scripturally based community intentionally serving Christ through missions.

Mission Statement

Living and growing in faith together as a spirit filled church with the

Word of God as our foundation and reaching out through missions showing the

Love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to

Create a hunger in others to embrace the Word of God, salvation through Jesus Christ and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

September 26, 2020
National Mall, Washington, D.C.

If my people, who are
called by my name, will
humble themselves and
pray and seek my face and
turn from their wicked
ways, then I will hear from
heaven, and I will
forgive their sin and will
heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

See September Devotion pg. 1 for more info!

