



## The Dove

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September Devotion-

### GOD MADE ONE VERSION OF YOU!



DaVinci painted one Mona Lisa. Beethoven composed one Fifth Symphony. And God made one version of you! God custom-designed you for a one-of-a-kind assignment—"to each according to each one's unique ability" (Matt. 25:15). You are the only you God made... God made you and broke the mold."

"The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others" (1 Corinthians 12:7). Did the apostle Paul say, "The Spirit has given some of us. . ."? Or a few of us. . .?" No! "The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others."

You don't have to do everything! You're not God's solution to society, you are a solution in society.

Don't worry about the skills you don't have. Don't covet the strength others do have. Just extract your uniqueness—to God's glory!

God made you! You were fashioned in His own image! You were made in the image and likeness of the Creator. God had a purpose in making you. His primary purpose is that you would have fellowship with Him. If man does not have fellowship with God, he is lost, confused, and bewildered. Since he does not find his place, he has a sense of not fitting.

There are thousands of people who admit and confess that they are unhappy. Economic security, recreation, pleasure, and a good community in which to live have not brought about the peace

and happiness that they expected. The reason is that man was created in the image of God and cannot find complete rest, happiness, joy, and peace until he comes back to God.

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Let us pray:

Dear God: Today, give me the courage to live the life You've called me to with contentedness and confidence. Please help me to walk away from roles and expectations that other people have for me, and to live in peace with the exact way You created me — on purpose and for a purpose. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## September Scriptures

9/1 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Psalm 122, Luke 14:1, 7-14

9/8 1 John 4:7-12, Psalm 1, Luke 15: 11-32

9/15 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Psalm 51: 1-10. Luke 15:1-10

9/22 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Psalm 113, Luke 16: 1-13

9/29 Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3, Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22, Luke 10:17-20

## Prayer Requests

### For continuing comfort and healing

Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Donna Kowalske, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Sue Bernard, Cathy Bain, Char and Dale Matheny, Barbara McCord, Paul George, Floyd Morris



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



## Living Word Homecoming September 8, 2019 Celebrate with us!

**“The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with Joy.” Psalm 126:3**

As we celebrate our Homecoming, let it be a reminder of how Living Word has been a blessing to us throughout the years. Of all the wonderful fellowships and the relationships we've established, of the ways we've grown through its ministries and its people, and of the ways it has challenged, encouraged, and supported us.

And most of all, let our Homecoming be a reminder of the sacrifice Christ made for His church. It was His sacrifice which gives us something to celebrate on this special day in the life of Living Word.

Bring family, neighbors and friends as we worship at 10 AM. Plan to join us for a special potluck fellowship following worship!



See you there!

## From Pastor Michael

Soooooooo.....we had Christmas in July, Easter in August, but what about THANKSGIVING?! Yes, I know it's coming soon but I want to take this opportunity to THANK everyone who lifted me and my family up in prayer this summer. I am so grateful for all of you. Through your prayers, God brought me through a

heart attack and now has me on a road to healing in other areas.

I promise to return the favor and continue keeping each of you in prayer as I am made aware of your needs. Thank you for being a faithful church family – God's faithful “little flock”.....



## Pat Toth and Senior Corps Volunteers

In April, Pat Toth was the guest speaker at the monthly Senior Corps meeting of Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions. Her presentation was titled "How to Help Others without Spending Money." Senior Corps volunteers listened attentively and several even offered additional ideas.

In July, Heather Brassil, Senior Corps' Mohave and La Paz County Coordinator, surprised Pat with the news that the volunteers had donated a dozen pair of used eye glasses, a bag full of plastic grocery bags, and a 13-gallon bag filled with plastic bottle caps. Pat gave the glasses to the local chapter of the Lion's Club, and brought the plastic bags and bottle caps to church to add to our donations to Living Stones Mission.

Charlene Duffy, Assistant Director of the Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center is a Senior Corps volunteer who attended April's

presentation. She put a small container near the Center's reception window to collect plastic bottle caps. Within a few days, they needed to upgrade to a larger container. Both the Pregnancy Center's staff and clients love helping children with cancer so much they've decided the large container will be an ongoing feature at the Center.

People wanted to know more so Heather and Pat asked Pastor Michael and Eneida to attend the July meeting. Eneida explained how the plastic bottle caps they would have trashed will now be turned into chemotherapy treatments for children with cancer.

Pat will be giving the same presentation on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 10 AM at the Library on Burbank Street. Join us to learn "How to Help Others without Spending Money."



## W.O.W. (Women of the Word)

Women of Living Word Lutheran Church enjoyed a lunch together at the Valle Vista Country Club restaurant on Saturday, August 17th. The upcoming church yard sale on 9/20 & 9/21 was discussed. Karen Shaffer will seek volunteers to work the week before the yard sale to receive donations from members and friends and to work during the sale. Pat Toth has arranged several ways to advertise the sale beginning a couple of weeks in advance. Eileen Pressler talked about her ideas for the bake sale to include breakfast and snack items, wrapped in multiples, along with desserts, with an emphasis on the display. Everyone was encouraged to accumulate as many goods as possible to donate to the sale.

WOW members were asked to think about Ecclesiastes 4:6-10 to consider new projects for WOW to further support the church. Suggestions considered are:

- ◆ Church gatherings during the week, such as evening devotions, music gatherings, seasonal or movie events, once or twice a month. Eneida Birnbaum and Donna Pederson will prepare a list of suggestions.
- ◆ Landscaping the area around the church (trees, shrubs, flower beds) to make it more noticeable and pleasing to the neighborhood community. Mary Ann Mallory will gather information on this project.
- ◆ Refreshing of the interior of the church with cleaning, new paint,



flooring in the sanctuary, perhaps lighting changes and other decor. Karen Shaffer and Pat Toth will work together on suggestions.

The groups were asked to compile the information on these projects to bring back to WOW at the November meeting to be discussed.

## Yoga anyone?

**Yogi (n) :** a person who practices yoga, **:** a follower of Yoga

The good news is that there are many benefits that can result from practicing yoga. And there are numerous studies to support these benefits which include the obvious physical benefits (flexibility, balance, etc.,) along with mental (stress and anxiety,) and emotional (depression) improvements.

Living Word Yogi Donna Ferguson is proposing that we have free yoga classes

at our church on Tuesday morning at 10 AM, and also on Tuesday evening at 6 PM. Classes would be combination chair/mat practice and last approximately 1 hour. Classes would begin in October, or perhaps sooner if there is enough interest.

Please talk with Donna to let her know if you would like to participate! Both men and women are welcome.

Have you tried yoga yet?





## Living Word Council Minutes-Meeting Summary 7/11/19

Present: President Ken Bourlier, Vice-President Bob Pressler, Treasurer Arlene Allison, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler. & Secretary Sharon Peterson. Excused: Pastor Michael Birnbaum & Mission Coordinator Rosie Freeman

Meeting opened with prayer. June minutes approved.

**Pastor Assistant:** Eileen Pressler  
Pastor Michael on medical leave of absence 6/9, 6/30, 7/7 and 7/14 Pastor Kenneth Davis covered 6/30 & 7/7. He was very well received by the congregation.  
Pastor Carol Peters will cover 7/14  
Compensation for supply Pastors to be deducted from Pastor Michael's monthly salary.  
Christmas in July worship is planned for 7/30, with potluck to follow worship.  
Recurring annual payment of \$99.99 for Office 365 will be processed on 7/19 on the

on the church debit card.

**President's Report:** Ken Bourlier  
There is nothing new to report at this time

**Vice President:** Bob Pressler  
There is nothing new to report at this time

**Financial Report:** Arlene Allison  
There was \$348 for designated that was moved to the general fund.  
Eileen will look at what needs to be done to be added to the charity list on Amazon smile. Report approved.

### Old Business:

Church cleaning: C & S Custom Cleaning is now cleaning the church for \$120.00 a month

### New Business:

Eileen has requested on behalf of WOW for the approval for yard sales dates of 9/20 & 9/21 7 am to 2 pm.

Council approved

As part of the yard sale WOW would like to have a raffle. Council approved.  
Reviewed Pastor's contract call renewal.  
Council approved. Contract call renewal will be sent to Pastor.

Next meeting August 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.  
Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Peterson, Secretary

## September Celebrations



Sept. 5 Alice Jensen  
Sept. 8 Bob Pressler  
Sept. 10 Mardell Bohling  
Sept. 13 Richard Prather  
Sept. 19 Glen Peterson  
Sept. 26 Michael Birnbaum



Sept. 13 Bob and Eileen Pressler  
Sept. 15 Richard and Caroline Prather  
Sept. 18 Greg and Alice Jensen

## Yard Sale Update

Everyone is needed, so don't be shy! Be sure to let Pat or Karen know how you'll help during our "Giant! Huge! Rally Big Fund-raiser Yard Sale."

Here are **some** of the many ways you're needed:

Before the sale:

- Pick-up large items and bring them to church
- Prepare for the sale by putting chairs away, arranging shelving, and setting up tables
- Bring whatever you're donating
- Display merchandise on the shelves and tables before the sale
- Help price all of the merchandise
- Hang outside banner
- Put out street corner signs

During the sale:

- Keep everything neat and nice looking during both sale days
- Help shoppers by answering any questions

After the sale:

- Pack unsold items
- Collect street corner signs
- Prepare for Sunday service by putting everything back to normal

**It's time to make a commitment!** We begin taking in small items Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> will get here quickly.

- To help with any of the many ways listed above, see Karen.
- To help with our Bake Sale, see Eileen.
- If you'd like to be a cashier or bag purchased items, see Debbie.
- If in doubt, see all three ladies!



**Don't forget!**

**This is our fundraiser!**



## Living Word Men's Group -ON THE MOVE

The Living Word Men's Group meets every Wednesday morning for Bible Study and fellowship. Paul George, one of their faithful members was recently hospitalized and is recovering in Las Vegas.

On Wednesday 8/21/2019, the Men's Group was "ON THE MOVE"! They all got in Ken Bourlier's truck and took the meeting to Paul in Las Vegas! Paul was delighted and happily enjoyed Bible study with the men, followed by communion!



## Mission Focus-CORNERSTONE Looking at one of our local Living Word Missions

Here is a quick look at one of the services provided to our community by Cornerstone, one of the local missions supported by Living Word:

Cornerstone Mission is a 30 bed shelter for men. Diana's Faith House is a 10 bed shelter for women and women with children. Both programs are up to 90 days. You need to be self-sufficient and want to get up and out of homelessness for this program. We take you from homelessness to housed in the 90 days or less if you obtain income/employment

or less if you obtain income/employment, continue to move forward through case management and actively participate in our 90 day program.

Cornerstone Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide the basic necessities of life including shelter, food, clothing and most importantly the light of Christ.



## Pastor Michael-isms!

Here is a "flash back" to some of the things Pastor Michael has emphasized during his messages. Enjoy!

"God is not a vending machine! He will give you whatever is good for you. Let yourself be surprised by God." (12/31/2017)

"God has a maintenance manual. It's called the Bible!" (7/22/2018)

"Ask God to become 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace' in you!" (7/28/2019)



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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.

## **A Prayer**

Lelani Exbom, one of our members, lives at The Gardens, a long term care center. She shares the following prayer with us:

Dear God,

I did not sleep well last night, but I did wake up.

My muscles are sore, but they work.

My wallet is not full, but my belly is.

I may not have all I want, but I have all I need.

Life is not perfect, but life is good.

Amen.

