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May Devotion-

Pentecost is coming!

What a wondrous experience it must have been for the disciples to hear the sound like rushing wind, see the tongues like fire, and receive the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God for giving us His Holy Spirit, who creates faith in us and leads us to share that faith with others!

The sound like wind and the tongues like fire evidently were temporary signs of what was taking place. The crowd heard the sound and gathered, but there is no indication that the tongues like fire were seen by people other than those in the house. The manifestation of the Spirit that lasted longer and that touched the crowd was the newly enabled ability of these followers of Jesus to speak in tongues. The Greek for "tongues"

is *glossais* and means "languages." The experience evidently was a happy surprise.

Some of the "Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven" in Jerusalem at this time were pilgrims who had come for the festival days. Others were elderly Jews who had moved to Jerusalem to live their last years near the temple after having lived their whole lives in other countries. These foreign Jews probably could handle some Aramaic and Greek, but they were surprised and pleased when they suddenly found Galilean Jews declaring the wonders of God in their mother tongues.

Peter used the skeptics' "They are filled with new wine" as a springboard for his message, first making it clear



that "these people are not drunk." Jews of that time carried out morning sacrifices before the first meal, a meal of bread. They did not drink wine until the evening meal, a more complete meal when also some meat might be eaten. So Peter dismissed the idea of their being drunk at 9:00 a.m. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he quoted the prophecy of Joel to explain what was happening. It was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that was predicted in their sacred Scripture as part of God's plan that "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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²⁸ And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. **Joel 2:28-29**

Devotion adapted from Concordia Publishing House article June 4, 2017



May Scriptures

5/2 Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, John 15: 1-11

5/9 MOTHER'S DAY Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, John 15: 9-

5/16 ASCENSION SUNDAY Acts 1:15-17 21-26, Psalm 1 John 17:6-19

5/23 PENTECOST Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34 John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

5/30 TRINITY SUNDAY Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, John 3:1-17

Prayer Requests

For continuing comfort and healing

Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Char and Dale Matheny, Carol Wostal, Nick Nichols, Cherie Bourlier, Karen Shaffer, Andrew Johnson, David Scroggins

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).



Living Word is now able to provide both material for bereavement and two willing members of the church who have recently experienced

the death of a loved one to accompany and lovingly "coach" those who are struggling with grief. Please contact Pastor Birnbaum, Shay Givans (928-279-6761), or Karen Shafer (775-513-8367), as needed. ***This is for anyone you know, not just members of our church family.***

Many thanks to Shay and Karen for helping provide this valuable support.

"Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep." Romans 12:15

May Dates to Remember

May 3-Council Meeting 5 PM, at church

May 5, 12, 19, 26-Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Wednesday Lunch Group (contact Donna Ferguson for time and place)

May 9-Mother's Day

May 13, 27-Blessed and Unstoppable, IHOP 5:30

May 14 & 15-Parsonage Yard Sale!! DON'T MISS IT!!

May 16-Ascension Sunday

May 22-Women's Bible Study, 11-12, at church

MAY 23-PENTECOST

May 30-Holy Trinity Sunday

Rollin', Rollin', Rollin'



We're "on a roll"! Oooops....you don't usually hear that kind of language applied to a church, do you? Maybe "blessed, blessed, blessed" is more appropriate? No matter how you look at it, we at Living Word, have so much to be thankful for. Strong finances, growing numbers, new members, ability to afford a fulltime pastor now, new groups, new ministries...etc., etc. God is good! Although no definite plans are in place (at the writing of this) I am hoping for the sake of our church and me personally, we will soon be at the place to take the next BIG step in growing Living Word by calling a full time, younger pastor 😊—this was one of the two main goals we agreed upon when I came here four years ago. The second goal was helping the church heal from some difficult times and that has happened now as well. Please be praying for God to guide us now as we continue to move forward! ***Pastor Michael***

LIVING WORD IN ACTION!

W.O.W. (Women Of the Word) met at the church on Saturday, April 17. Pat Toth, the Small Groups Coordination for Living Word, presented a Bible study from the book of James. It was unanimously decided that future monthly W.O.W. meetings, when possible, will start with a Bible study. The group also discussed and agreed to support the upcoming church events.

1. **Church garage sale** at the church parsonage **976 Shadowcrest Way, 5/13-15.**

A sign-up sheet for volunteer workers will be available at the back table in the sanctuary.

2. **Living Word will host and provide lunch for the KEMA** (Kingman Evangelical Ministerial Association) monthly meeting on July 29th and provide lunch for the KEMA group

3. **Open house and potluck at the church parsonage** in May or June. W.O.W. members agreed to organize and carry out the potluck.

Easter breakfast sponsored by W.O.W. was enjoyed. W.O.W. spent \$75 for breakfast supplies, \$30.25 was received through donations.



Small Groups Update -Praise the Lord for He is Good! Our Small Groups are growing!

Living Word's newest Small Group is a **WOW Bible Study**, held during the first hour of monthly WOW meetings. We will be studying the book "Really Bad Girls of the Bible," by Liz Curtis Higgs.

We currently have a Men's Group, a Luncheon Group, and an evening group for professional women. There is a chart listing all small groups posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen and the board in the hall outside of the kitchen. **CHECK IT OUT!!** You'll find the information you need to contact any group host. As Small Group Coordinator, I will be out of town until mid-May. If you have questions, ask Pastor Michael or email me at PatriciaAToth@mail.com.

May Celebrations

May 18 Cara Masterson

May 26 Pam Nomann



May 9 Eric and Eva Hofflund

May 15 Gary and Donna Ferguson

May 21 Ron and Bev Valentine



Living Word Men's Fellowship Updates

LW Men's Fellowship continues to meet both on Wednesdays at 9 am for Bible Study and Breakfast AND monthly projects/outings together. In May we are meeting at the parsonage at 8:30 am on the 8th for breakfast and a "work morning" to begin fixing the parsonage walls. We are also tentatively planning a 4 X 4 outing to Windy Point for picnic lunch, outdoor Bible study and just a chance to have a beautiful day together. This will be our June activity, date TBA.

**Living Word Church
Parsonage Garage Sale
976 Shadowcrest Way
May 14 & 15**

Lots of household items from the donated residence are being sold to benefit the church general fund.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

A sign-up sheet is available at the back table of the sanctuary!

Volunteer opportunities

Thursday 5/13 - noon until ??
Sorting and setting up sale items.

SALE:

Friday 5/14: 6:30 - 10:30 a.m.
OR 10:00 -2:00
(sales and cashier)

Saturday 5/15: 7:30 am - 12:30 pm
(sales, cashier and tear down)



***Come help us out!
Come to shop!***

Living Word Council Minutes-Meeting Summary 3/1/2021

President Bob Pressler, Vice-President Rosie Freeman, Pastor Michael Birnbaum, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler, Mission Coordinator Alice Jensen & Secretary Sharon Peterson.
Guest: Donna Pederson

Pastor opened with prayer. February minutes approved.

Pastor's Report: I am proposing starting an "Adult Sunday School" the Sunday after Easter to be team taught by Pastor and Dale Mathe-ny. Four sessions, the topic: Heaven. It would be at 9 am Sundays. KEMA report: New Christian High School scheduled to start Fall 2022, Community Good Friday Service. ROOT is giving use of their building over to "On the Street Ministry", Pastor will be scheduled for County Board praying in May or June (Frist Monday) With a number of recent visitors with interest in becoming members, Pastor will be talking to them regards to having a new member orientation after Easter. One of our members Jtripped in the dark in front of the church after Lenten service. Jorge Alatorre is assisting with replacing burned out lights around the church.

He would like permission to paint our "curb" out front, etc. Council approved purchasing paint for the project. Greg is heading up getting the storage container placed in back (donated by Cherie). Pastor asked Brian to get a mover estimate and it is \$200 (from his friend) normally \$450. We will need council approval for the \$200. Motion to approve funding from the memorial fund approved. Pastor has moved into the "possible parsonage". Motion to delay planned special Congregation meeting until April approved. Council discussed request from St. Michaels to use our facility for mass. Not approved due to conflict with our rental agreement.

Pastor Assistant: Pastors compensated Sundays for 2021: 1/3, 2/7, 3/14. Dan Storvick is confirmed for 3/14. Continue to use pre-filled communion cups due to COVID. Ash Wednesday, 2/17, service for imposition of ashes, 18 in attendance. Lenten small group devotions will begin at 6:30. AFLC Pastor Korhonen's visit on 2/28 was attended by 9 before worship, 23 at worship. Council has approved 1st Monday of the month, 5 pm for future council meetings.

the 30 day free trial now or should we wait. It was decided to wait at this time.

President-Financial Report: Additional cost of insurance for parsonage would be \$572/yr. This will increase yearly payment to \$1149 for coverage of both. The house was built in 1988. 1188 sq ft, patio home. .

Mmotion to move the building fund of \$1,705.00 to general fund approved. Treasurer's report approved.

Mission Coordinator: Formed committee of members to look into international mission.

Motion approved to accept all reports.

Guests were excused for executive session.

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: Monday, April 5, 2021 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Peterson, Secretary



Biblical Citizenship in Modern America

Christians have played a vital role in the preservation of our liberty throughout America's history. As Americans and Christians, it is up to us to protect our faith and help preserve our liberty by studying the US Constitution and learning how our forefathers intended our country to be governed.

The Biblical Citizenship class was specifically created for churches and includes commentary from leading Biblical scholars, Constitutional experts, National Leaders, and Religious Liberty champions.

Living Word is hosting "Biblical Citizenship in Modern America", an eight-class series at our church beginning Monday, June 7th. You are invited to watch the videos and join the discussion to appreciate how we can help preserve our God given freedom. Pastor Toni Henry (Kingman Nazarene Church), is a certified Biblical Citizenship coach and will be with us to lead discussion and answer questions.

Biblical Citizenship in Modern America classes begin Monday, June 7, and end Wednesday, June 30.
(June 7/9, 14/16, 21/23, 28/30)

Classes are from 6-7:30 PM. Doors will be open at 5:30 so feel free to bring your own brown bag dinner if you wish.

Plan to bring yourself, family, friends and neighbors! Classes are free; however a one-time free-will donation of \$10 per family will be appreciated! Optional workbooks will be available at \$25.

Questions? Telephone Living Word: 928-753-5952 or email LivingWord-BiblicalCitizenship@mail.com



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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.

And all of them
were filled
with the
Holy Spirit

Acts 2:4



Join us! May 23, 2021