



LIVING WORD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

lifeline

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Sunday, December 20	9:45 AM 9:30 AM	Worship Service --Online Worship Service In-person Service with communion
Wednesday, December 23	6:45 AM	The Wednesday Word -online
Thursday, December 24	5:00	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 
Friday, December 25		 Christmas Day Our Savior is born!

Ushers

Dec 20 Tony & Linda Deas, Mike Byus
Dec 24 Al & Lydia Auge, Lorraine Stargel
Dec 27 Dave & Judy Ostendorf, Bob Martin

FINANCIAL REPORT Week of December 13

Mail in/Offering	\$3,170
Online Offering	\$ 150
Julian Estate	11/29: \$32. 12/6: \$45.
Affinity	\$297
Total:	\$3,694



*To the members and friends of Living Word Lutheran Church
You are cordially invited to Pastor Eric and Connie's 'Open House'.
Due to COVID 19, it will be Drive thru under the church portico Dec 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.
We look forward to hosting you for an afternoon of treats and fellowship.*

THE FOUR CANDLES

The Four Candles burned slowly. Their ambiance was so soft you could hear them talking.

The first candle said, "I Am **Peace**, the world is full of anger and fighting. Nobody can keep me lit."
Then Peace's flame slowly diminishes and went out completely.

The second candle says, "I Am **Faith**, I am no longer indispensable." It doesn't make sense that I stay lit another moment."
Just then a breeze softly blew Faith's flame.

Sadly, the third candle spoke, "I Am **Love**, people don't understand my importance, so they simply put me aside. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them." And waiting no longer, Love goes out completely.

Suddenly, a child enters the room and sees the three unlit candles. The child begins to cry, "Why are you not burning? You are supposed to stay lit until the end."

Then the Fourth Candle spoke gently to the little boy, "Don't be afraid, for I Am **Hope**, and while I still burn, we can re-light the other candles."
With shining eyes, the child took the Candle of Hope and lit the other three candles.

Never let the **Flame of Hope** go out of your life. With Hope, no matter how bad things look and are...Peace, Faith and Love can shine brightly in our lives.



Weekly Prayer Room

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise." James 3:18 (ESV)
(If the situation of the people listed below has changed, contact the office)

Father in heaven, watch over those who put themselves in harm's way to protect us, grant peace of mind to the families who love and miss them.

Josh Jepsen
Seth Hearld
Evan Gregory Blodgett
Ken Solbrack
Michael Elliott
Chris Berentson
Brady Woodman (*Relma Burmeister's grandson*)
Devlin Durkin (*Curtis & Riley McKenzie*)
Richy (*Larry & Mary Vollmer's grandson*)
Paul Houck (*Jim & Mei Barker*)

Give strength and comfort to those who recently lost a loved one.

The family and friends of Esther Braafladt.

The family and friends of Amy DeKok

Relieve pain for all who suffer in any way. Comfort them and their caregivers. Grant loved one's strength to care for their loved ones. Remind us all to hope in You alone.

Bob Lungberg (*Bob & Nancy Martin*)
Tony Horne (*Bob Martin, Hal & Carolyn Martin, Lonna & Tom Groce*)

Baby Eli and his parents (*Jim & Sue Gronhovd*)

Lucas Bride (*Heidi Sturdivant*)

Snookie Pankrantz

Suzy Davison (*Al & Darlene Luberts*)

Cynthia Faul

Kristin & Children (*Jim & Sue Gronhovd*)

Pastor Dave Stephenson (*Dave & Judy Ostendorf*)

Gary Richey

Norma H (*Lori Schmidt's sister*)

Kara (*Pastor Eric & Connie*)

Nancy (*Debbi Zavadil neighbor*)

Frank Lonergan (*Dick & Lori Schmidt*)

Mardelle (*Cynthia Faul's sister's friend*)

Harold Lawrence (*Lorraine Stargel*)

Corrina (*Pastor Eric & Connie*)

Phil Long (*Pastor Eric & Connie*)

Wyatt (*Larry & Mary Vollmer grandson*)

Scott (*Morgan & Yvonne Olson*)

Kyle (*Ron & Sharon Johnson*)

Dan (*Harold & Clarice Liehmohn*)

Milton Anderson (*Dick & Kaye Sims*)

Ronald Tangvald & Christine (*Heidi Sturdivant's uncle & aunt*)

Richard Park (*Raeanne Mitchell*)

Lori (*Carole Williams-Wood*)

Lorelle Aarstad (*Tom & Denise Alvord*)

Aunt Gudrun (*Jerry & Jan Halverson*)

West Family

Jeff, Jessica, Kevin & Aidon (*Don & Carol Brennan*)

Corrinna Clarahan

Sue Fields

Michael Byus

Jan Halverson

Debbi Zavadil

Erika

Barney Wagner

Stephen Mitchell Family

Richard Mitchell

Pastor Dan Ingram

Pastor Gary and Kitty Jepsen

Father, Giver of all good things, thank You for the birth of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we always be grateful for Your gracious gift and remind us to not keep the Good News to ourselves.

For all these needs, we pray in the holy and powerful name of Jesus, our Lord Amen

***Congregation members-**please send an email, phone call or text of any updates. Thank you.

An updated member directory is available on the website. Go to livingwordlutheranchurch.com, click on the "Members" tab under "About Us." For privacy purposes, you will need a member account to access the directory. If you need help accessing this information, please contact Debbie Stankovich at debbie.stankovich@gmail.com.

Special 'End of the Year' Notice:

IRS regulations state that all donations have to be **deposited in the bank no later than December 31st for it to be counted towards the year 2020.**

Therefore, if you have contributions that need to be counted for this year, you can either donate it up until our last two services, 24 December, Christmas Eve or December 27th.

True hospitality

A 7-year-old boy was chosen to be the innkeeper in the Christmas program. When Joseph and Mary approached him, looking for shelter in Bethlehem, he simply had to say there was no room.

The kindhearted boy tried to



take the sting out of the situation, however. "I don't have room for you in the hotel," he said. "But I'd love to have you come in for milk and cookies."