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Our Identity:

LOVED + SENT

Living Christ is a community of believers who leans on two words: Loved and Sent. We believe that we are loved by God in Jesus more than we deserve, and we are sent by Him with more purpose than we could ever imagine.

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Pray for those delivering Meals on Wheels in June.



Your
NEIGHBOR
{HOOD}

FREE
NEIGHBORHOOD
BLOCK PARTY
SUNDAY, June 24th
11 AM—2 PM
Food Truck, Petting Zoo,
Crafts and Face Painting

Sign up to help with Summer Suppers, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th and September 1st.



The Living Letters

June 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our world is changing. I didn't need to tell you that, you all feel it already. But, despite the changes (and challenges) we face as Christians, it is still a wonderful time to be a part of the Church.

After all, despite what might come and go around us, we are **loved**. That's our identity and it's not changing. God loves us with an amazing, everlasting love. It's not a love that we deserve or have earned, but it is ours because of Jesus and His cross. As Christians, we know who we are: God's **loved** children.

And, even in a swirling, changing world, our purpose remains the same too: we are **sent**. As Christians, we have purpose in life. God has placed us in particular places, among particular people, and at just the right times to share His love. In big ways and in little ways we are **sent** to share God's love.

Over the last few months some of our leadership has been gathering together, along with Rev. Keith Haney from our Northern Illinois District, to talk about how we as a church can live out that identity and purpose. We've pursued what it would look like to live with the full confidence of God's love in our hearts and with His purpose which sends us out. We've asked a lot of questions, shared many ideas, and evaluated the resources and gifts God has given us.

One of the first things to come out of these meetings was a renewed sense of thanks for all the blessings God has poured out to us. We are richly and immensely blessed! We have Jesus as our Savior, devoted members who care deeply for one another, financial stability, and growing connections with our community. As we've reflected we've been able to see just how much God has done through us.

Another major fruit of these meetings is a renewed sense of vision. After spending a lot of time looking back at where God has blessed us and the gifts He's given us, we have seen that we long for and are equipped to seek to fulfill the following vision statement:

"At Living Christ we will bring together mature adults and young families into authentic community where Christ's love is reflected, received, and shared. These families and adults will have fun, serve, and receive God's gifts together."

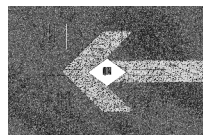
One of the first ways we will try to live out that vision is through our Neighborhood Block Parties which are returning this summer (June 24th and August 18th). They are about more than just having fun. These community gatherings provide a place for us to meet our neighbors so that relationships can begin, and God's love can eventually be shared.

Following that, we hope to begin to walk with some of the young families we've gotten to know through Pause 2 Play into a deeper relationship with Jesus. We are looking to offer them the time and space needed to ask questions, hear the Word, create Christian friendships, and grow in love for Christ. (continued on page 2)



Come Worship with us

June sermon series:
"Jesus on the Move"



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(continued from page 1) I want to close with one last reminder and encouragement. Don't forget, don't ever forget: you are **loved**. No matter what, God loves you. He loves you so much He died for you, and His love isn't going anywhere.

And, you are **sent**. Yes, even you! God wants to work through your actions and your words to share His love. With the full confidence of His un-ending love in our hearts, He sends us out as His hands and feet in this world with an eternal purpose.

Please keep our church in your prayers. Pray that God would continue to feed and nourish us even while He sends us out. Pray that He would work through us to share the Gospel. Pray that more and more people in our community would come to trust in Jesus. Pray for our Neighborhood Block Parties and for our Pause 2 Play families as we seek to serve them.

It is a wonderful time to be a part of the Church. It always is, of course, when you have Jesus as your Savior. But, as I look at the future of our particular church, I am encouraged by what God has done through you all, what He is doing, and what He will continue to do.

In Christ,
Pastor Peter Berauer

Those Serving us this Month

Acolyte:

6/3 Anna
6/17 Robert

Altar Guild:

Mary

Child Care:

6/3 Sharon
6/10 Nancy
6/17 Melissa
6/24 Lisa



Coffee Fellowship:

6/3 Jim and Kylie
6/10 Help Needed
6/17 Jim and Kylie
6/24 Help Needed

Communion Assistant:

6/3 Brad
6/17 Wayne

Guest Ambassadors:

6/3 Nancy
6/10 Smitha
6/17 Scott
6/24 Nancy

Lay Reader:

6/3 Jon
6/10 Wayne
6/17 Becky
6/24 Luanne



LCD Projector:

6/3 Steve
6/10 Larry
6/17 Kathy
6/24 Kathy

Sign Changers

6/3 Kathy and Scott
6/10 Laura and Art
6/17 Kathy and Scott

Ushers:

6/3 Susan and Matt
6/10 Steve and Scott
6/17 Brad and Art
6/24 George and Bill

Welcome Partners:

6/3 Kathy and Scott
6/10 Susan and Matt
6/17 Bonnie and Elsie
6/24 Rita and Jack

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Mites will be collected after the church Service on June 3rd. \$47.57 was collected in May. Our mites are sent to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to help fund their projects. Thank You.



June 20-23, 2019

38th Biennial Convention

Mobile, Alabama

*Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
(1 Chronicles 16:23-24a).*