

# LIVING GOSPEL CHURCH NEWS

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## *The Security of a Father*

**Deuteronomy 1: 29-31 NIV** <sup>29</sup>Then I said to you, “Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. <sup>30</sup>The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, <sup>31</sup>and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.”

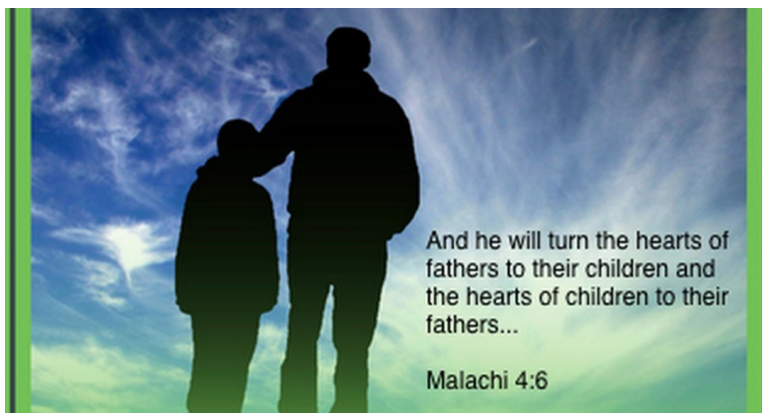
**We honor and thank God for the wonderful dads in our lives!**

Dads we know the great responsibility you shoulder to protect and care for your families. We know you silently soldier on to ensure your family is safe and you bravely go to the front lines of conflict to fight for your family.

Dads your loving, faithful presence speaks volumes. You are an anchor for our families, a shelter from the storm and a strong tower for us to feel secure in. We thank God for you and your faithful love and guiding hand in our lives. Being a man who humbly serves the Lord and imparts God's Truth to his children is the greatest gift a dad can give. God bless you always dads and grandpas!

For those who are missing their wonderful fathers, may their teaching and legacy live on in your heart. May you hear their words of wisdom echo in your ears and feel their loving presence near you in your time of need.

For those who did not have a loving earthly father, may these words in Scripture mend your hearts and fill you with the eternal love of a Father who will always go before you and fight for you—even now as you trust in Him. He will carry you and ensure you safely enter the promised land and He will be there waiting for you with arms wide open. Run into the loving arms of Your Heavenly Father who delights in you! Thank You God our Father for showering us in Your love.



## *Deuteronomy 1:31*

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## Rio Summer Lunch Program and Blessing

**Matthew 25:35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,

The Rio summer lunch program is a free lunch program at the Rio Community Library, driven by the generosity and commitment of the Rio community. *Because hunger doesn't take a summer break.*

**How it works...** Lunch will be served three times a week (M, W, F) at the library. All youth, 18 and under are welcome to participate, *no questions asked*. Volunteer teams will deliver prepared lunches to the library at a designated time and work with the on-site coordinator to distribute meals.

Meals will be purchased and prepared by volunteer groups.

### Why would the library host a lunch program?

- Without access to the nutrition provided by the National School Lunch Program, food insecurity increases during the summer break.
- Participation in library programs creates community connections for youth.
- Youth that read just 5 books over the summer are less likely to lose reading skills.

### How Can You Help?

Living Gospel Church is signed up to provide "Lunch at the Library" **the week of July 17th-that M, W, F.**

We'll meet at the church on those days at about 11 am to prepare the lunches, then go to the library about 11:45. Kids arrive at noon. We should be able to clean up around 12:30 pm. **We can also use donations of food** (Deb will have specifics when the time is closer) **or cash to purchase supplies.** If you are able to assist in either fashion please contact Deb Wearne at church or via email at [neurohrdeb@gmail.com](mailto:neurohrdeb@gmail.com)

Thanks for helping support this community event and bless the children!

## Celebrating- June Birthdays

Sarinity Pendleton	June 1
Brittnee Walker	June 14
Carsen Walker	June 17
Cindy Keunzli	June 21
Peggy Moll	June 22
PJ Monson	June 26
Blake Brandner	June 27

## Wedding Anniversaries

Connie and Don Hessler	June 3
Sandy and Keith Ebert	June 4
Sam and Skyler Hawley	June 27



## ***It's Summer Picnic Season for Potlucks!***

***Who would love to host  
one of our picnics this  
year?***

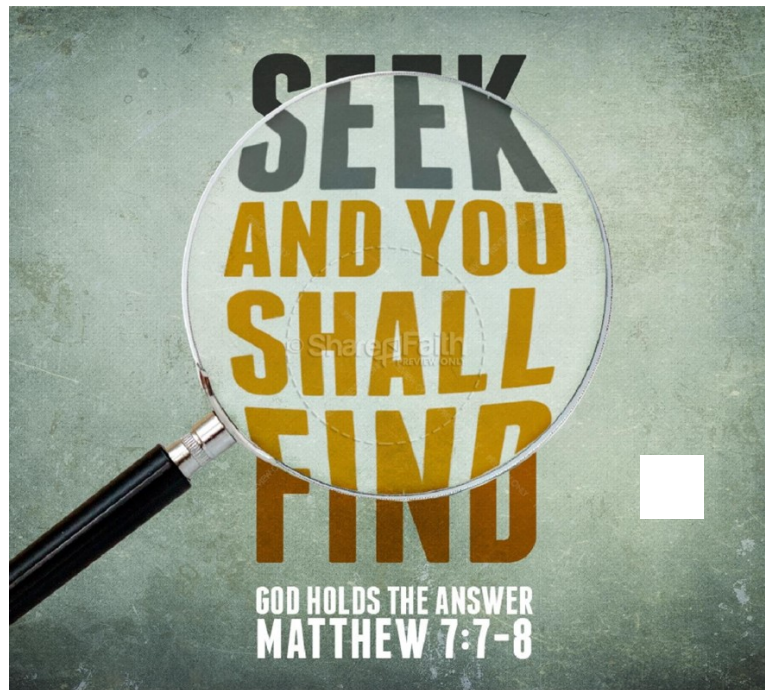
*The last many summers we have had great fun taking our monthly potlucks and times for fellowship outside for a picnic!*

*We still hold our gatherings the first Sunday each month and we'll be looking for volunteers to host our July, August and September gatherings following service. If you are newer, these are still potluck fashion so you do not need to provide all the food. We all bring something including extra chairs as needed.*

*It's a wonderful time of fellowship and enjoying the warmer summer days! We hope many of you can join in all or some of these picnics.*

*Please let Pastor Karrie know if you would like to host and which month you will be hosting.*

**Thank you!**



## ***Ask. Seek. Knock.***

**Matthew 7: 7-8** <sup>7</sup>“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Let us act with intention to seek God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Let us bring all our questions, worries and fears before Him who holds all the answers. Let us trust in the wisdom He offers and the path He chooses for us. Let us develop a great hunger to want to know our God more and more. Let us never grow weary of seeking Him in His Word, in prayer, through praise, and in His creation all around us.

Let us be content when no words are given; instead our seeking leads us to the stillness and quietness of His presence. Let us be grateful when the answer is no, because we believe God has something even greater in mind for us. Let us boldly serve when God says yes, because we believe He will be with us every step of the way.

Let us ask many questions of our Father and look for what He shows us. Let us seek ways to bring glory to His great name in how we live our lives. Let us knock on the doors God opens for us and confidently walk through always striving to live life to the full as Jesus desires for us.

All we ever need can be found in our Creator, our God, and our Father. Seek Him above all things *and all things you need will be provided for you.*

**Matthew 6:33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

## Coming Events

Saturday, June 10th- Graduation party for Riley Landsverk. At parsonage and church. All welcome any time 1-7 pm.

Sunday, June 11th— Pastor Gilbert Asembo will preach and share updates on his ministry Bethel 310. Let us welcome him warmly!

June 13-17 Fusion Bible Camp. Pray for our first time campers for a joyful week.

Sunday, June 18th Join us for a special Father's Day Worship Service.

Monday, June 19th— Ladies' Prayer group 9 am at church. All welcome!

Sunday, June 25th— Reverend Bill Harris will preach as Pastor Karrie is recovering from surgery. Please give him a warm welcome.

### Small Group Discussions and Study: Build Friendships and Faith.

**Small Group Study Wednesday's: 6:30 pm at church starting May 10th, for 4 weeks.** Come and gain understanding on who the Holy Spirit is and how we draw closer to Him. Open to all who desire to know Him more! Small group will return to following the sermon series June 14th at 7.

**Gather 2-3 others** on a day and time that work for you and start your own small group. You will grow by leaps and bounds when you discuss His Word *together!*

## *Encouragement With Pastor Karrie*

*I am here for you, as  
your shepherd, a spiritual  
counselor, a comforter,  
an encourager and a  
friend. **Always.***

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***May God Bless You  
and Make His Face  
Shine Upon You.***

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