

# Living Gospel Church

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## Fatherhood of God

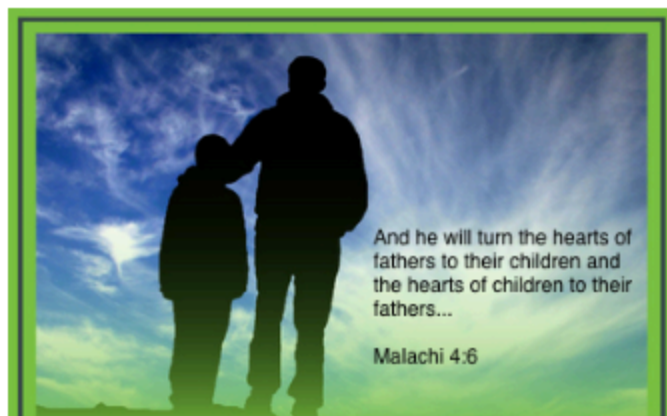
**1: John 3:1 “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”**

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. The loving, faithful presence of a father speaks volumes as you are the anchor for your families, offering shelter through the storms of life, and a place of security.

The most fundamental aspect that we must acknowledge about God is that He is our spiritual **Father**. We are His children whom He cares deeply for. He is not a distant God who is unapproachable. He is a loving, engaged, and present Father who delights in all we do and all we are. When reflecting on Scripture, a key teaching concept is seeking to know God's heart as He wants us to know Him. From Genesis throughout the Bible, the fatherhood of God is lovingly displayed. His Word teaches us how to live righteously in this broken world and instills in us our true identity that is found in Him. He shows us our heritage as His people and guides us forward with Kingdom purpose. The more we come to know Him, the more we experience His Fatherly attributes, including love, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and correction.

**1 Corinthians 8:6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.**

Fatherhood does not look the same for everyone who is given this responsibility and honor, yet each one is a gift and can be a reflection of our Father's love as we look to Him, the creator of all, both in heaven and on earth. He is the Father “from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named” (Ephesians 3:15). It is through faith in Jesus Christ that **everyone is invited** to experience the fatherhood of God in an intimate, loving, trusting, and abiding relationship, just as Christ Himself knows the Father. Seek to know your Father who loves you.



And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers...

Malachi 4:6

## Rio Summer Lunch Program

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



Hunger does not take a summer break! It is for this reason that the Rio Community Library, driven by the generosity and commitment of the Rio community, offers a free summer lunch program.

**How it works...** Lunch will be served three times a week (M, W, F) at the library. All youth, 18 years old and under, are welcome to participate, regardless of their school enrollment status. Volunteer teams, in coordination with the library director, arrange to deliver and serve prepared lunches at the library at a designated time. All are welcome to participate, and no questions asked.

### 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 who 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 14th - July 18th. Ideally, volunteers would meet at the church around 11 am on the designated days and prepare the lunches. At approximately 11:45 am, the volunteers would go to the library to assist with set up and prepare to serve lunch. Generally speaking, cleanup can begin at around 12:30 and does go fairly quick.

Currently, the contact within the Church for volunteering is Deb Wearne; however, Deb is hoping to step down from being the coordinator within the Church, so a new volunteer is needed for future years. This primarily consists of coordinating between the library and the church, then arranging the volunteers. If you are interested in assisting with either the coordinating or the serving, please reach out to Deb

[neurohrdeb@gmail.com](mailto:neurohrdeb@gmail.com)

**Thank you for supporting this community event and blessing the children!**

### June Birthday's

Jessica Buchmeier	June 11
Brittnee Walker	June 14
Carsen Walker	June 17
Cindy Kuenzli	June 21
Jeremy Bladl	June 21
Peggy Moll	June 22
PJ Lentz	June 26
Blake Brandner	June 27

### June Anniversaries

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

### Upcoming Events

Ladies Prayer Group	June 18th @ 9am
Communion Sunday	July 6th
Potluck Sunday	July 6th
At the home of Dawn Keepes N5307 State Road 78 Portage WI 53901 (About 2 miles down from the Petro Truck Stop on the right hand side.)	

\* Reminder Pastor Karrie will be on Sabbatical from July 7th - August 4th