

Living Gospel Church

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October 2025

Fall Back into Worship with the Body of Christ

Psalm 34:3 NIV Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

Summer is a season of travel, activities of all kinds, picnics and visiting family and friends. It is a season of much needed vacations and rest. It is a season to enjoy God's beauty in glorious fashion. So I pray you have been well rested, refreshed, taken in incredible views of God's majesty and wonder and experienced much joy throughout these past few months of warmer weather here in Wisconsin.

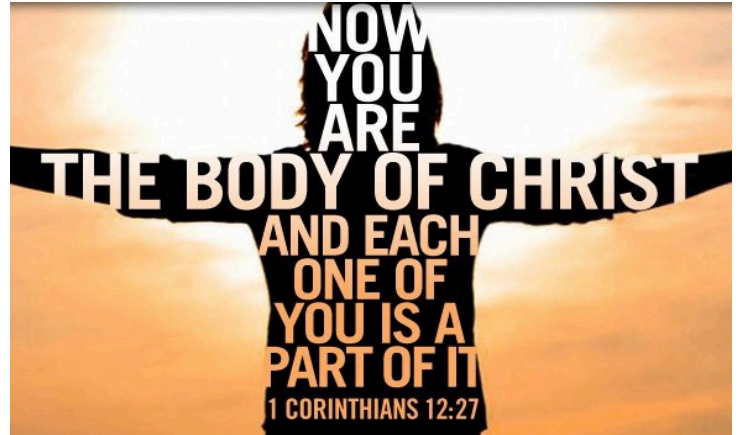
As the weather turns colder and we say goodbye to summer and hello to beautiful fall, may I give you a warm and loving welcome back to church; to your family, to fellowship with the Body and to worship of our King. Let us get back in the habit of enjoying Sunday worship. Come and soak up the joy and wonder of gathering together in His Spirit. It is precious. It is what we are designed to do. Come on home, for you are deeply loved.

You find life and growth in the Lord here.

Come on home, and be refreshed in your spirit in ways you will only find when you gather in worship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let us fall back into worship of our Savior, Jesus Christ and rejoice as we experience a new season of His amazing love.

Thank you to all who helped with the Dear Daughter Conference. Special thanks to the men of all ages that help make the day so special!



October Birthdays

Dakota Sugden	October 1
Jon Landsverk	October 5
John Moll	October 8
Rylee Houk	October 10
Lonnie Martinez	October 14
Charlie Biddle	October 25
Karen Breneman	October 29
Al Sugden	October 30

October Anniversaries

Jane and Charlie Biddle	October 3
Kelsey and Mitch Houk	October 7
Courtney and Blake Brandner	October 11
Karrie and Jon Landsverk	October 13
PJ and Bob Lentz	October 16
Jena and Jeremy Bladl	October 19
Jessica and Lloyd Buchmeier	October 20
Joan and John Theel	October 21

Upcoming News & Events

- October 22nd 9am Ladies Prayer Group

- Youth Group is Back! Talk with Abra regarding meeting times and with any questions.

A Message from the Board: Budget Shortfall

I recently read an article by David Roseberry promoting his book, "Giving Up," where he discussed the "mystery of prosperity" or the Prosperity Gospel. He wrote, "I believe that when God's people give generously and faithfully, it is the Gospel that prospers, not necessarily the giver." This concept initially left me a bit confused, but the article clarified by stating, "The Holy Spirit seems to take the dollars that are given to a church and in ways that cannot be adequately described, leverages them into all forms of Gospel ministry."

This understanding aligns with **2 Corinthians 9:7**, where Paul writes, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Tithing should not feel like a burden. Instead, there is a profound joy in taking resources entrusted to us and investing a portion, regardless of how big or small, into our church's ministry. Your offering of every size is significant. This understanding and agreement is how we meet our yearly church budget.

In February at the annual meeting, members approved the 2025 church budget, as presented. The budget, which was drafted by the board, was an estimate based on prior years' income and expenses, along with areas for ministry growth. Currently, we are facing a shortfall of projected income, creating a potential deficit for the year.

This shortfall affects our ability to give generously to mission efforts that were factored into the budget.

We as a church believe strongly in tithing to missions from all that comes through our church, for God is a mission-hearted God. We believe we can uphold our 2025 commitment as we all trust in God for His great provision through His church.

Please continue to pray over the church's finances. Pray for God's will to be done and stand in faith that He can, and will, provide for all our budget needs. I also encourage you to spend time in reflection and prayer, seeking how God may be calling you to respond to this need.

Additionally, we would like to share the board appointed PJ Lentz to the board to fill the vacant position through the remainder of the term. PJ brings great experience and was already working with the board from the perspective of Missions Team co-leader. Should you have any questions or concerns about any matter, we invite you to reach out to any of us as board members.

Respectfully, Living Gospel Board
Bob Driefke, Chairman Dawn Keepes, Secretary
Karen Breneman, Gaylene Richardson, Bob Lentz,
PJ Lentz, and Pastor Dr. Karrie Landsverk



Volunteer's Needed

The children's ministry is thriving and growing! There is a need for additional volunteers to help keep things operating smoothly. Below are areas that are currently needed:

- Teachers for the Children's Ministry. Teachers rotate Sundays, so depending on the volunteers we have will determine the rotation schedule.
 - Nursery Volunteers -also rotational.
 - Youth volunteers to help as mentors for the youth. This is especially true for our young men.
- If you are interested in helping in any of these areas please let Abra know and you can discuss the right fit.