

# Living Gospel Church

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Simply Living the Gospel

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## Love Like Jesus

**John 13:34-35**

**“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”**

As we enter a month that celebrates love, let us be reminded of the command given to us by our Savior and Lord, and that is to love one another, as He has loved us.

**As He has loved us...so we are to love one another.**

Jesus teaches a parable that speaks to this love He calls us to give. In this parable, Jesus shares how a Jewish man who had been robbed and beaten, was laying on the road near death. Jesus revealed how a priest and Levite (someone who served in the Temple of God) each at different times, saw this injured man lying on the road, ignored him and passed by. They both let him suffer. Then a Samaritan man saw the injured Jew and was moved with compassion for him. He picked him up, cleaned and bound up his wounds and took him to rest at an inn nearby, paying for the costs while the man recovered. Samaritan people as a whole were people the Jews would not associate with for they were considered impure.

Jesus asked those listening, “which of these do you think proved to be a neighbor?” They answered, “the Samaritan.” Jesus said, “Go, and do likewise.” For He earlier said in that parable love your neighbor as yourself.

**It is the Samaritan who loved like Jesus loves us.** His love put into action for this broken man was sacrificial in pride, time, and resources. He laid it all down to show love for this person in his time of need. His active love came without conditions. He didn’t require the man to pay him back; he freely gave in the moment as he was able to. He was forgiving in his heart and set aside cultural differences, even hatred between their groups, and chose to see a human being, not the enemy.

*This may seem to be too much in some circumstances you are facing or in our culture right now, but we must remember we were never asked to do this in our own ability. We ARE able to love others as Christ loves us because we have the love of God in us. We have the strength of Christ in us to draw from. Let us also remember God would never ask us to do something He wasn’t willing to do first for us. He demonstrated the most sacrificial love we’ll ever know by sending His Son to die on the cross in our place. Our sin was atoned for so we could forever enjoy a love relationship with our God.*

Remember the Good Samaritan. Remember Jesus, and love others as He has loved you.

**One act of sacrificial and generous love at a time becomes a ripple effect in the world.**

## **2026 Annual Budget Meeting**

### **Sunday, Feb. 15th**

It is that time of year again. We need to set our annual budget for 2026. We have three seats that will be up for reelection. Dawn Keepes, Robert Lentz, and Gaylene Richardson have all indicated they will be willing to serve another term if reelected. If you are also interested in being nominated please let Bob Dreifke know. We welcome your interest!

As a member we have the joy and responsibility to join in discussions for this year's vision as well as voting and committing to uphold our annual budget. Our budget reflects all God is calling us to do within and through this church to further His kingdom and care for the world around us. If you are not yet a member but would like to be, please contact Pastor Karrie.

As a congregation, and member, of Living Gospel Church it is important to be informed about the Church and have a voice in decisions being made. Thank you so much for your engagement and faithful care of God's church and His people within. Let us pray for God's mighty favor, wisdom and anointing in all we do to advance His Kingdom!

**To His glory and praise!**

#### **February Birthdays**

Sandy Ebert	February 7
Max Rinzel	February 11
Don Hessler	February 15
Jonathan Landsverk	February 17
Bob Kau	February 27

#### **February Anniversaries**

No Anniversaries

#### **Upcoming Events**

February 7th @ 8am - Ladies' breakfast, fellowship and cleanup at the church.

February 7th - No Regrets Men's Seminar (If interested talk with Skyler Hawley)

February 8th - Soup-er-bowl Bible Camp Fundraiser following service. Dine in and take out options available.

#### **February 15th - Annual Meeting following service.**

February 18th @ 9am - Ladies' Prayer Group

February 28th - Italian Night Constanza Go Team Fundraiser

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