



New Member Class Guide

Brooklyn Park Campus



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Letter From Pastors

Mac and Lynne Hammond

Thank you for joining us for our New Members Classes! We are honored you are considering Living Word as your church home.

This week is an important occasion in the life of our church as well as the lives of you and your family. This is your opportunity to hear what our heart is for the vision and mission of Living Word. You can then assess if you agree with our vision, mission, and doctrine, and if you do, make Living Word your church home.

You see, God has a company of believers (a local church!) where you'll fit in perfectly. God pleases to place you where you belong, can hear from heaven, and get to know other like-minded believers. When you are plugged in to the local church, not only does the church work properly, but it keeps you connected with the life of God flowing through the body of Christ!

We love this week, for it presents a great opportunity to personally interact with you as well as others who are considering Living Word as their church home. If you have questions about Living Word, go ahead and write them down. During the classes, you'll have opportunity to ask them.

We hope you enjoy this week! We pray that you'll find the clarity you need to see God's direction for your life.

Mac + Lynne



Let Us Introduce Ourselves

Our Story

In November 1980, Mac and Lynne Hammond stood before a gathering of twelve individuals in a meeting room at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth, Minnesota. There, a vision was shared along with the Word of God. On that day, Living Word Christian Center was born.

One year later, church attendance had grown to 150 and meetings were moved to North Hennepin Community College. In 1983, the congregation moved to the site that would be its home for the next 15 years—an office park on Aspen Lane in Brooklyn Park.

Finally, in the spring of 1998, after much prayer, effort, and corporate sacrifice, Living Word moved into its present home—a beautiful facility at 9201 75th Avenue North in Brooklyn Park. A church body of more than 7,000 members made that glorious move.

After forty years, that group of twelve people has grown into an active church body of nearly 10,000 members. Today we meet as one church in several locations with a heart to serve people with the unconditional love of God for all. The first and best way to do this is through the ministry of God's Word, so our weekend services are central to everything we do.

In addition, numerous outreaches spring from Living Word including Maranatha Christian Academy, a fully-accredited, pre-K through 12th grade Christian school; Living Free Recovery Services, a state licensed outpatient treatment facility for substance abuse; CFAITH, an online cooperative missionary outreach of hundreds of national and international organizations providing faith-based content and a nonprofit email provider; and a national and international media outreach that includes hundreds of audio/video teaching series, and the *Winner's Way* broadcast, and the *Winner's Minute*, sixty seconds of encouragement that airs weekdays on local television.

The broad vision articulated on that Sunday morning in 1980 has changed very little in the many intervening years. Many parts of it have been realized. Other parts are now coming into manifestation. Much remains to be prayed out and walked out. At the core of that vision is a heart to reach the Twin Cities and beyond with the life-transforming love of Jesus Christ. It's a vision more and more individuals are making their own by becoming a part of the church family at Living Word as we work together to reach people, touch lives, and make a difference.

Mission/Purpose/Vision

We're a Family First

At its very heart, church is a gathering place where we find the love, support, and the connection each one of us needs in our lives. In short, church is family—and we'd love to be that family in your life! People to grow with, go with, and have fun with.

Living Word is first a family, one that is passionate about following Jesus and committed to love, serve, and do life with one another. Our value for relationships makes us stronger and equips us to truly make a difference. We want to love God and love people as we bring the message of God's grace to a world searching and in need!

God created each of us for connection, and it's as we grow in relationships that we change personally, find meaning, and experience life on a whole new level. We have a variety of ministries and groups where you can take that first step and get connected.

Our Mission: Reach People, Touch Lives, Make a Difference

Living Word is a church with a heart for our community and world! Our desire is to see people everywhere know the person of Jesus in a personal and authentic way. Our mission is to reach people, touch lives, and make a difference.

We believe the best way to do that is by sharing the good news of God's Word and its promise to bring change to people's lives. That's why at the center of who we are and everything we do, you'll find love, encouragement, and hope!

Our Purpose

To spread the Word of God and be living examples of His love to the world.

Our Vision

Inspire people, knit communities, and foster leaders to ultimately make a difference in the world through the Word of God.

Week at a Glance

Session 1: The Importance of Membership and Finding Your Place

Why do we offer membership classes? Living Word believes you need to know who you are joining with spiritually. Amos 3:3 says, “How can two walk together unless they be agreed?” Pastor Mac will provide pertinent information in these classes to know if you can agree with the vision, doctrine, and other significant issues here at LW. The Bible also tells us that there is a place that it pleases God to put you. It is vital that you are in the right place and making your supply to the larger body of Christ. Pastor Mac also utilizes this session to share his personal history and journey with Christ.

Session 2: Church Government

It is essential to know why a ministry is organized and conducts ministry the way it does. How LW is structured and why we do what we do is something we'd like you to know before joining as a member. Pastor Mac discusses four basic types of church government and identifies where Living Word fits in these types.

Session 3: Church Doctrine and Statement of Faith

Pastor Mac takes time to go through each point in detail of LW's Statement of Faith. Special attention is given to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Please see our Statement of Faith on page 9 of this booklet.

Session 4: Vision and Goals

The Bible tells us in Habakuk to “Write the vision and make it plain upon tablets.” Each year, Living Word is diligent to set goals that support the vision to “reach people, touch lives, and make a difference.” Pastor Mac takes time to describe both short-term goals and long-range vision for the ministry.

*Please make sure you received a printed copy of the LW Annual Report.

*Online attendees will receive a pdf copy.

Session 5: New Members Banquet and Celebration

Join us as we celebrate our week together in the fellowship hall. A meal will be provided as well as an opportunity to meet Pastors Mac and Lynne Hammond. The night will kick off in the chapel with an introduction to some of our staff and a short new member orientation.

*Online attendees are encouraged to attend this night if possible.

Induction Sunday

If you choose to join us in membership, it is all culminated with our induction at our 11 a.m. service. Join us at our main weekend service to receive your new member Bible.

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Statement of Faith

The Bible

The Old and New Testaments are the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. In the Word, we find the revelation of God's eternal and unchanging will for men of all ages. The Word is the divine and final authority for the Christian life. For purposes of church doctrine, the head pastor, with guidance from the board of directors, is LWCC's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20–21; 1 Thess. 2:13)

Salvation

Man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin, which resulted in his spiritual death and separation from God. Only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained. This process of regeneration, referred to in the Word as being "born again," takes place through a combination of faith and confession. As a person makes the decision to believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and confesses with his mouth the lordship of Jesus in his life, a miracle of regeneration by the Holy Spirit takes place. A new Christian is born into the kingdom of God. For him, old things are passed away and all things are new!

(Rom. 3:10, 23, 5:12, 10:9–10; 1 John 3:8; Eph. 2:8; 2 Cor. 5:17; John 3:3, 5–7)

The Trinity

There is one God, the creator of all things, who is infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Col. 2:9; Matt. 28:19)

Jesus

Jesus Christ is the union of God and man. He is true God and true man, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life and died on the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of all men. He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and is presently seated at the right hand of the Father as our high priest and advocate. (Phil. 2:6–11; John 1:1, 14, 18, 14:28)

Baptism and Communion

Water baptism and communion are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are not, however, to be confused with or regarded as a means of salvation. The shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only grounds for justification and salvation.

(Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36–38; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 10:16)

The Holy Spirit

The present-day ministry of the Holy Spirit is to comfort and guide the believer, with the final purpose of glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ in the earth. During this age, He indwells, guides, instructs, and empowers the believer for godly living and service. Every believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit, with speaking in tongues as the initial physical evidence.

(Matt. 3:11; John 14:16–17; Acts 1:8, 2:4, 38–39; 19:1–7)

Prayer

All born again, Spirit-filled believers should maintain a consistent prayer life by praying regularly with their understanding and in their heavenly language. **(1 Cor. 14:15; 1 Thess. 5:16–18; Eph. 6:17–18)**

Faith and Victory

Without faith, it is impossible to please God. The Word tells us that the just—those who have been justified by the blood of Jesus—shall live by faith. The redemptive work of Jesus not only provided salvation for the believer, but also healing and prosperity for our spiritual, soulish, and physical man. We are redeemed from the curse of the law—poverty, sickness, oppression, and any other thing that prevents us from fulfilling His plan. Our lives can be prosperous and healthy in every realm as we walk in the light of this redemption by faith in God’s Word. **(Heb. 11:6; Rom. 1:17; James 5:14–15;**

Mark 16:18; Isa. 53:4–5; Matt. 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24; 3 John 1:2; Deut. 8:18; Gal. 3:13–14)

Marriage and Sexuality

We believe that marriage is a covenant sanctioned by God to join one man (born as and continuing to be a male) and one woman (born as and continuing to be a female) in a single, exclusive, holy union. This is the only definition of marriage LWCC will recognize as a valid marriage. We believe the Church is charged with upholding and protecting God’s original design for marriage. **(Gen. 2:2–25)**

We believe that sexual activity is a gift from God to be enjoyed only between a married man and woman. Same-sex sexual orientation and sex-nonconforming lifestyles are inconsistent with our faith and doctrine. **(1 Cor. 7:2–5; Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:9–10, 18–20; Gen. 1:26–27)**

Sanctity of Human Life and Gender

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. God intentionally and purposefully designed each person to be a particular gender as evidenced at birth (or at the chromosomal level when necessary). Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are, therefore, called to defend, protect, and value all human life. **(Gen. 1:26–27; Ps. 139:13–18)**

The Church

The universal Church is composed of all those who are born again. Through the new birth, we are united together in the body of Christ. Jesus Christ is the Lord and head of the Church, and has provided leadership for the local church through the ministry gifts, which only He can give. Every local church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs. **(John 3:3; Eph. 1:22, 4:8; 1 Cor. 12:12–14)**

The Return of Christ

The premillennial Second Coming of Jesus Christ is two-part in nature; He will come in the air to resurrect the righteous dead and catch away the living saints; He will then come to the earth to establish His physical kingdom and begin His thousand-year reign. **(Acts 1; 1 Thess. 4:16–17; Rev. 20:6)**

The Resurrection

There will be a bodily resurrection of the dead—the believer to everlasting joy with the Lord and the unbeliever to judgment and eternal punishment. **(Heb. 9:27–28; Rev. 19:20)**

Session Four

Vision and Goals

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Ministry Team Descriptions

Please consider getting connected through volunteering in an area of ministry. The descriptions below are a snapshot of possible options. Please visit our ministry tables at the Friday night celebration for more details.

Accelerate Bible Training College

Accelerate is a Bible Training College that will equip you for life and mobilize you for ministry. With a focus on the Word and the Spirit, Accelerate will provide a solid foundation for Christian living. With additional tracks on missions and church planting, ABTC will train you for ministry. Whether you feel a call to ministry or are hungry for more of God and His Word, ABTC is for you.

Altar Ministry

The Altar Ministry Team is available after services to minister to our congregation. They pray with people to receive the Lord, for healing and praying in agreement with them for various needs.

Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity to ask tough questions about life and God in a friendly, open, and informal setting. It is a series of sessions exploring the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Each week is centered around a meal, a short talk, and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts and ask questions. No question is too basic or too big. Alpha is for everyone.

Audio, Lighting, or Backstage Crew

This team is responsible for providing coverage of each service through the operation of audio or lighting equipment as well as backstage support.

Care and Counseling

Whether it be a hospital visit, baby dedication, spiritual guidance, pre-marriage classes, weddings, funerals, benevolence, car care, healing school, grief support, or divorce care, our goal is to assist and apply the divine promises of God in both crisis and everyday life.

CFaith

Providing access to an ever-expanding library of multimedia biblical teachings that will assist and enhance your spiritual growth, help you connect with other believers, and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Christians United for Israel (CUFI)

Christians United For Israel is the largest pro-Israel organization in America, with 11.5 million members. Pastors Mac and Lynne Hammond serve on CUFI's executive board. In connection with CUFI, LW offers a wide range of classes on Israel and Jewish-Christian relations. We also welcome volunteers to join us in our pro-Israel events at LW, in Minnesota, and at the yearly CUFI Washington Summit.

The Coffee House

The Coffee House team serves the congregation in a tangible way. We love to make people smile by bringing joy, coffee, and food into their lives. We create a fun and energetic atmosphere when we come together to pray and serve coffee.

Compass Special Needs

Compass Ministry offers a place of hope, inclusion, and healing based on the Word of God for the special needs and disability community and their families. We provide quality ministry during services and valuable resources and tools to help empower and support children and young adults with special needs, along with their families. We believe everyone is a vital part of God's kingdom.

Daughters for Zion Prayer Network

Daughters For Zion is the prayer ministry for CUFI. With over 35,000 pray-ers throughout the United States and 101 other countries, Pastor Lynne Hammond serves as the National Director. DFZ welcomes pray-ers who will join them in praying for Israel and the Jewish people. In addition, they welcome volunteers who would like to assist in local events and at the yearly Daughters For Zion National Prayer Conference in Washington DC.

Evangelism

We teach and train believers to reach out, touch lives and make a difference beyond the four walls of the church. Pray for healing, deliverance and salvation and baptism of the Holy Ghost! Evangelism will change the believers Christianity and put a fire in your soul for winning people to Christ!

Executive Protection

The Executive Protection Ministry (EPM) serves Living Word's senior ministers, guest ministers, and, as needed, special events. Duties include providing security escort services throughout the building, close protection during services, and occasional off-site support such as airport pickup or other transportation services. We ensure that our senior ministers and guests can flow in their gifts by maintaining their safety and protecting their reputations and privacy. We do this by ensuring a smooth transition as they arrive at Living Word to the time they leave the premises. If needed, the EPM team is trained and prepared to intervene appropriately in situations that may arise before, during, or after services.

First Responders

The First Response Medical Ministry provides a rapid, professional, and coordinated basic life support response for all medical emergencies that occur on Living Word property during weekly services and designated special events.

Government Action Team

Our purpose is to train and equip people to elect godly candidates in an effort to return our state and nation to the biblical principles and values we were founded upon.

Guest Services

We serve our guests by answering their questions, providing clear information, giving each first-timer a first-time gift, and helping them take next steps.

Harvest Financial Ministry

Harvest, a gospel-centered financial education, equips all people at Living Word to discover the abundant life of generosity so they may reach people, touch lives, and make a difference in the world.

Healing School

Divine healing is an accomplished fact. It is a gift, like salvation, already paid for by Jesus. Have you accepted God's gift of healing? Are you experiencing it in your life in full? If not, it is time for you to possess the promise of healing and enjoy complete health in every area! Are you interested in becoming a healing technician? Our God is raising up people that will become healing experts! Please join us for a time of teaching, music, and ministry.

LW Internship

This is a season of preparation for whatever is next: college, career, or ministry. You will learn to hear God's voice, discover who He created you to be, and what He has called you to do. It's a God-appointed time to cultivate skills, build relationships, and embrace your purpose. LW Internship is a one-year program for high school graduates ages 18–19. We have a partnership with Southeastern University so interns have the option for college courses, but it is not required.

LW Kids

Kids Ministry is here to support and encourage you as you train your children how to walk with God. We create a safe place where kids of all ages can hear God's Word in a fun environment while discovering their unique gifts and learning to follow God's plan for their lives. Children are engaged through worship and Bible-based teaching to learn the foundations of faith. Kids in Grades 1–5 have live worship before service and small group time after service to encourage and deepen relationships among peers and their leaders.

Life Groups

We were never meant to do life alone. It is important for everyone to discover a place where they can connect and grow with each other and with God. One way to discover that here at Living Word is by becoming a part of a group and/or leading a group! No matter what kind of group you're looking for or stage of life you're in, we have a place for you.

Living Free Recovery Services

Living Free Recovery Services is a licensed substance use disorder program. We treat substance use disorders on an outpatient basis. LFRS uses evidence-based practices along with God's Word to help guide our client's path to health. We utilize volunteers in our weekly support groups. Our volunteers typically have attended our support groups or have attended our treatment program.

LW Iglesia Español

Iglesia Español is our Spanish speaking campus that meets weekly here at our Brooklyn Park main campus. Opportunities to serve whether it be in worship or children's ministry are available.

LW Marriage Matters

Even good marriages have challenges. How can we learn how to be married and have fun doing it? Welcome to Marriage Matters. Relatable couples, real life teaching, and a place to talk about what matters most to your marriage—that's what you'll find at Marriage Matters.

LW Northwest

Our Northwest campus meets every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Rogers, MN at 10925 Trail Haven Road. Each weekend you'll experience live worship and teaching from the Word as Pastors Brandon and Heidi Lyles share an honest, grace-filled, and encouraging message. Our Kid's Ministry is currently open for ages Birth-Grade 4 and our NW Youth serves families with kids from Grade 5–12. For more information, visit us at lwcc.org/northwest or join us for live prayer every Monday night on our Facebook page.

LW Store

The LW Store provides a curated collection of books and resources that encourage your walk with Jesus and an assortment of gifts and greeting cards for every occasion. We provide a friendly environment for those shopping and lend advice in helping you find that perfect item. We are always looking for volunteers who want to enhance the LW Store experience.

LW Women

We are LW Women, and we are all about connecting. Centered around coming together for authentic discussion and welcoming every woman to share, be heard, learn, and grow in relationship with Jesus and each other. Opportunities are available to serve during our monthly large gatherings, home groups, and more.

Mac Hammond Ministries and Global Church Planting

We share the simple but life-changing truth that God wants you to be a winner in every area of life through a variety of faith-based teachings resources. We have a goal to plant fifty global churches over the next five years. We will do this through cultivating new partners to support these churches, discipling our partners, and training our international church plant pastors and church families.

Manhood

Manhood is a monthly breakfast for men of all ages. We want you to walk away with something that'll help you be a better man—a more godly father, husband, friend, and leader. There's a powerful, practical message that'll help us do just that.

Maranatha Christian Academy

Maranatha Christian Academy is a Pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 influential school of collaborators, innovators, and explorers grounded in Christian faith, empowering co-creators of tomorrow. Our vision is for every Maranatha student to be highly educated, Christ-centered, and biblically anchored world-changers.

Missions

Over the years, our teams have visited countless nations with a vision to share the Gospel, show God's love, and make a difference wherever we go. The focus of our trips ranges from medical missions and evangelistic outreaches to teaching trips and more. Future missions trips will be to locations where we have planted churches.

Online Church

Each week our online church team welcomes and connects with people from all over who join us for service through our online campus. Using our online chat, we build relationships, share information, pray, and encourage people in their spiritual journey.

Outreach

Our team's goal is to be a light and support to our community in very practical ways. We want to lead by compassion and wisdom and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

Prayer

Prayer is what connects us with God. At Living Word, our desire is not only to pray with you, but to offer a variety of opportunities for you to pray with others in prayer groups, learn together in classes, and attend other prayer events.

Prison Ministry

Our team of volunteers conducts regular worship services, Bible studies, and teachings to create an environment of healing and growth. Join us in our mission to break the cycle of incarceration and promote healing, restoration, and empowerment for those affected by the prison system, bringing light to the darkest places and inspiring a brighter future.

Social Media

The Social Media team harnesses creativity through photography, design, writing, and online engagement to reach people, touch lives, and make a difference. On weekends we work together to capture and post content and plan for the week ahead.

Traffic Team

The Traffic Team is the first point of contact for our congregation and visitors. They assist everyone attending a service or event to safely find a parking space.

TV Service Crew

The television crew provides coverage of each service through the operation of cameras, recording of video, and the operation of graphics and word support for screens.

Usher Team

The Usher Team is available for every service to assist people in finding a seat, take the offering, and serve the congregation.

Valet Team

The Valet Team is available before the services to assist our congregation and visitors at the entrances of the building.

Welcome Team

The Welcome Team (greeters) are one of the first contacts as someone arrives for a service. They are the ones who make you feel at home when you arrive. You'll see them placed throughout the building smiling and talking to people.

Worship Department

The Worship Department is made up of our LW Worship Team as well as our Creative Productions area that produces the annual Christmas Show and special ministry events such as Easter, Gospel Music Nights, and Upper Midwest Faith Explosion. We are responsible for providing an engaging and presence filled worship experience and music support for all of our weekly/weekend services as well as our annual productions and special events.

LW Youth

In the Youth, our heart is to create a fun and inviting atmosphere where students can encounter God, grow in their relationship with Him, and build meaningful relationships with their peers. We accomplish this through student led worship, inspired biblical teaching, small groups, outreaches, and events. We believe in the next generation, and we are excited to see what God continues to do through them.

LW Young Adult

We are a diverse community of young people who believe God has a unique plan and purpose for every individual. But only by coming together can we become everything He has created and called us to be. Even if you don't think you "fit in," you can belong here.

60 Plus

Our 60-Plus group is dedicated to cultivating meaningful relationships through a variety of fun monthly activities, weekly prayer meetings, and more. Whether your goal is to grow deeper in your spiritual walk or meet new people, this group is full of opportunities where you can find a place to belong.

Living Word Pastors & Directors



**Mac & Lynne
Hammond**

Senior Pastors



**Pastor Jim
Hammond**

Executive Teaching Pastor

Executive Team



**Pastor Treena
Haase**

Chief of Staff



Pastor Ken Olson

Deputy Chief of Staff
Prayer | Online Church |
CFaith | LW Northwest



Rick Bruce

Chief Financial Officer | Aviation |
Shipping & Receiving

Directors



**Pastor Tim
Amstutz**

Key Events | Service
Production Team | AVL



Deb Larson

Maranatha Christian
Academy Head of School



**Pastor Melanie
Groves**

Worship Director
Worship Team



**Pastor Heather
Sibinski**

Building & Property | Coffee House |
LW Store | Processing Center |
LW Women | Security



**Pastor Dustin
Sherry**

Next Gen | Internship |
Youth | Family Support



**Pastor Alicia
Weiers**

Kids | Birth-Grade 5



**Pastor Baltimore
Medina**

Life & Large Groups | Guest
Experience & Member Services |
Ministry Support | Outreach |
Evangelism | Care & Counseling

Pastors



Pastor Folu Gisanri
Guest Experience & Member
Services



**Pastor Tammara
Gisanri**
Life & Large Groups
Visitor & Member Relations



**Pastor Ashton
Harrison**
Assistant Worship Pastor



Pastor Keve Israelson
Executive Assistant |
Worship Pastor



Pastor Roxanne Keller
Care & Counseling Lay Pastor



Pastor Nick Kinn
Evangelism



**Pastor John & Jackie
Matthews**
60 Plus Lay Pastor



Pastor Jeff Kruse
Manhood | LW Marriage | Altar
Ministry



Pastor Sean Miller
Care & Counseling Department
Head



**Pastor DuWayne
Petersen**
Ministry Support



**Pastor Micheal
Minton**
Care & Counseling
Ministry Support



Pastor Sabrinna Sherry
Family Ministry Support | Next Gen



**Pastor Ginny
Shunkwiler**
Kids Birth–Kindergarten



Pastor Angela Watkins
Volunteer | Online Church



Pastor Deb Campbell
Jewish-Christian Relations

Campus Pastors

Northwest



**Pastors Brandon
& Heidi Lyles**
Campus Pastors



Pastor Lexy Hill
Worship Pastor



**Pastor Adam
Krube**
Connections Pastor

Iglesia Español



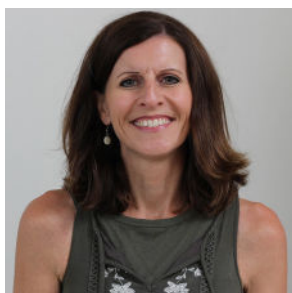
Pastor Hugo Bellido
Iglesia Español Pastor

Online Church



Pastor John Gapp
Online Church

Global Church Planting



Liisa Flanagan
Project Manager



**Pastor Kent
Otey**
Global Mission Pastor



**Pastor Hugo
Bellido**
Regional Director Latin
America

Get Connected

Add Living Word to your phone's contact list.

You can give, ask for prayer, or let us know you're a visitor by texting **612.712.7212**.

Text "**LWGift**" for donations.

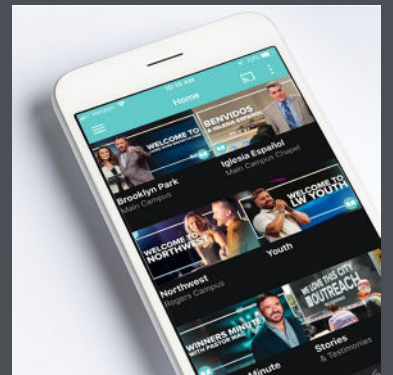
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Text "**Hello**" for first-time visitors.



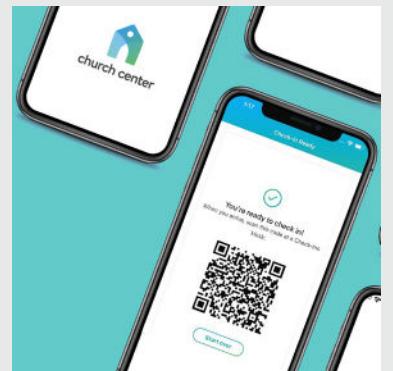
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Get access to our Podcast, Winner's Minutes, Bible Reading Plan, messages from all our campuses, and more, all in one place on your phone!



Download the Church Center app.

The Church Center app is designed to help our staff and congregation connect with the community of people at each of our locations. Once you download it, search for Living Word and select your campus. It will give you easy access to events, groups, giving, and offer a simple and secure method for Kid's Check-In. Please take a minute, download the app, log in, and check it out!



Connect with us on social media.

If you have not liked or followed us yet on social media, we invite you to find and join us. We love connecting with you! We are posting faith-filled and encouraging content that will keep the Word of God in front of you. Find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

    @LivingWordMN

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Get Connected Survey

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Would you like more information about serving at Living Word?

Please only select a maximum of two:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> LW Kids: Birth–3 yr. | <input type="checkbox"/> LW Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LW Kids: 4 yr.–Kindergarten | <input type="checkbox"/> First Responders | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio, Lighting, or Backstage Crew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LW Kids: Gr. 1–5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> TV Service Crew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LW Kids Guest Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Action Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Online Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass: Special Needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LW Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest Financial Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maranatha Christian Academy (MCA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LW Iglesia Espanol | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LW Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Prison Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Care & Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Ministry Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Coffee House | <input type="checkbox"/> Valet Team | |

Would you like more information about getting connected at Living Word?

Please select a maximum of four:

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerate Bible Training College | <input type="checkbox"/> Maranatha Christian Academy (MCA) | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 Plus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha | <input type="checkbox"/> Married Couples | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports and Interests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healing School | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living Free Recovery Services | | |

See all our Life Groups at lwcc.org/lifegroups

You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. —Psalms 1:3 (Msg)

Membership Application

One Application per Adult Individual

Applying to become: ☐ Online Member or ☐ Brooklyn Park Campus Member

You must be 18 years or older to complete a Membership Application. Please complete and turn in after ALL classes have been completed.

* Are you Born Again/Saved? ☐ No ☐ Yes—date ____ / ____ / ____

* Are you filled with the Holy Spirit? ☐ No ☐ Yes—date ____ / ____ / ____
(With the evidence of speaking in tongues.)

* Please check whether you attended membership classes in person or online:

MONDAY	<input type="checkbox"/> In person	<input type="checkbox"/> Online
TUESDAY	<input type="checkbox"/> In person	<input type="checkbox"/> Online
WEDNESDAY	<input type="checkbox"/> In person	<input type="checkbox"/> Online
THURSDAY	<input type="checkbox"/> In person	<input type="checkbox"/> Online
FRIDAY (reception)	<input type="checkbox"/> In person	<input type="checkbox"/> Online

* These items are required for membership.

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Entered By _____

Date of Class _____

Please Print Clearly

Last Name: _____ Legal First Name: _____

Nickname/Preferred Name: _____ Birth date: ____ / ____ / ____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ *Email Address: _____

*Living Word will periodically send emails regarding special events. We respect your privacy and will not share your personal information.

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Widow(er) ☐ Engaged

Spouse's Name: _____ Is your spouse a member? ☐ Y ☐ N Date: _____

Please place a check by your race/ethnicity:

<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian / Alaskan Native (Race)	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (Race)
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian (Race)	<input type="checkbox"/> White (Race)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American (Race)	<input type="checkbox"/> Two or More Races
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino (Ethnicity)	

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Please Print Clearly

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Other Phone: () _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Children Under 18: (To be filled out by ONE PARENT only)

Name(s)	Gender	Birth date (Mo/Day/Yr) and Grade	Living with you?
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please Read Completely Before Signing

I clearly understand and support the vision, doctrine, and conduct of ministry at Living Word, and believe this to be the local church to which God has called me.

I have attended/viewed all four classes either in person or online.

I understand as I supply my gifts of prayer, time, and finances to this body, my service is “unto the Lord”—not to man. I will purpose to walk in unity with others in the body in the power of agreement, “...with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel.”

I understand in order to become a member, I must be born again and filled with the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues.

_____	_____/_____/_____
Signature	Date

New Member Survey

1. How did you first hear about Living Word?

- ☐ Friend/Relative
- ☐ Television
- ☐ Sign on 169
- ☐ Guest Speaker
- ☐ Website

2. Did you check us out online before attending in person?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

3. The first time you attended Living Word, were you with a friend or relative?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, I came on my own.

4. Have you made any new friends here?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

5. How long have you been attending Living Word?

- ☐ 0–3 months
- ☐ 3–6 months
- ☐ 6–12 months
- ☐ 1–2 years
- ☐ 3+ years

6. What was your **first** impression of the church?

7. What is your impression of the church **now**?

8. What made you decide to become a member?

9. What is a topic you would like to hear more about at church?

10. Were you previously part of a church? If so, what made you look for a different church?

Additional comments:

Thank You!

Thank you so much for participating in our new member classes. We hope you have a deeper understanding of Living Word including our vision and doctrine. We look forward to an ongoing relationship with you.

Next Steps

You're created for connection.

God created each of us for connection, and it's as we grow in relationships that we change personally, find meaning, and experience life on a whole new level. We have a variety of ways that make it easy to take that first step.

Simple ways to stay connected.

Living Word has many ways to help you stay connected and grow spiritually. Our newsletter and Bible Reading Plan deliver weekly church updates and daily devotionals right to your inbox. You can also follow us on any of your favorite social media channels or subscribe to our podcast! See details on page 24.

Want to learn more about your faith?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the fundamentals of Christian faith. It's a friendly, open, and informal setting where you can bring your tough questions about life and God. Check "Alpha" on page 25 to receive more information.

Need support or prayer?

No one is meant to walk through this life alone. We are committed to helping you confidently address the practical, emotional, and spiritual needs in your life—good or bad. If you're in need of support, please contact us at careandcounseling@lwcc.org or text "Pray" to 612.712.7212.

Ready for more?

We hope you've decided to become a member. You can also join a group or sign up to serve or volunteer. Fill out the Get Connected Survey and/or Membership Application.

Questions?

If you have any questions related to membership, please feel free to contact Pastor Tammara Gisanri at 763.315.7137 or lwmembership@lwcc.org.



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