

Living Gospel Church

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Freedom that Lasts!

2 Corinthians 3: 17-18 ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there is freedom.* ¹⁸But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

There is no greater freedom we'll know then to be free in Christ!

Because of Christ, we are truly free! Through His death and resurrection, we have been set free from the bondage and penalty of sin. We are no longer defined by condemnation, shame, or guilt because Jesus has borne our sins upon the cross.

In Christ, we are also free from the grip of generational sin and the destructive cycles that can continue from one generation to the next. When we place the cross of Christ between us and our past, those chains lose their power. Bondage is broken at the cross, and freedom flows to all who believe. As Jesus declared, *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"* (John 8:36).

Every freedom comes at a great cost—it is never truly free. As we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as a nation, may we also remember with gratitude those who have sacrificed to preserve them. Let us honor their service by pursuing peace, caring for one another, and striving for unity as fellow Americans.

Even more, let us choose each day to live in joyful submission to our Lord and Savior. The freedom Christ purchased for us is not a license to live however we please, but an invitation to live as He created us to live—free from the grip of sin, free from the lure of temptation, and free to extend love, mercy, forgiveness, and kindness to others. True freedom is found in loving God wholeheartedly and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Thank You, Jesus, for the freedom You purchased for us. Thank You, Father, for Your grace and favor over our nation. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for teaching us how to walk in the freedom found in Christ.

Our prayer is that You O God would continue transforming us from glory to glory into the likeness of Christ. May we willingly offer our lives back to You as living sacrifices, devoted to Your service, so that others may also experience the eternal freedom found only in Jesus. Fill our hearts with reverence and gratitude for every gift of freedom You have given us, and may our lives bring honor and glory to Your name.

In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.



July Birthdays

July 2 Llyod Buchmeier
July 3 Brittany Sugden
July 17 Nick Kuenzli
July 19 Riley Landsverk
July 21 Reese Landsverk
July 27 Lexi Landsverk

July Anniversaries

July 14 Shari and Rick Kleist
July 23 Cindy and Gary Waterworth

Upcoming Events

July 5th - Potluck Picnic at Brigitte Buchmeier farm. 304 Limits Rd. Endeavor

July 13, 15, 17h Summer Lunch
Program-Living Gospel preps and serves at Rio Library, 11:30-12:30

July 19th-Pastor Karrie on vacation.
Pastor Joyce Guimond preaching.

July 29-31st - Intimacy with God
Conference, City Church Madison. 7 pm each night, 10 am Thur and Fri also.

Sunday, August 2nd Picnic
Potluck-Landsverk Lakehouse
W4588 Hwy K Montello.

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Second Quarter Mission Giving:

We have been busy this past quarter in mission giving globally and locally. We were blessed to have Barb and Tim Kusserow join us in April and offer updates on their ministry in Niger, Africa, and Pastor Gilbert and Anne Assembo join us in May to provide updates on their ministry Bethel 3-10 which serves Kenya, Africa. We donated \$1400 to the Kusserow ministry, plus \$250 towards the women's literacy program; and \$825 to Bethel 3-10. In June we gave \$150 to help fund Rio students' school supplies through Fill the Backpacks program.

We are able to give because of YOUR faithfulness and generosity to the work of God's Kingdom! May each donation be multiplied through God's favor to meet their respective needs. All glory be to God!