

LIVING GOSPEL CHURCH NEWS

www.livinggospelchurchrio.org

Simply Living the Gospel

March 2022

Making You New

The message below was shared in March 2020 right before everything turned upside down from the pandemic. As you read, reflect back over the past couple years. Has God been doing something new in your heart, in your faith, in your relationships, in what you treasure most? Even in times of hardship and uncertainty our God is faithfully at work for our eternal good.

God desires to transform us more and more into His glorious image; into His character and give us His heart.

As we head towards spring and we see buds emerging from the long, dormant winter, let new growth be a reminder to all that God desires to do in us.

He is not finished with you yet. No matter your age or how long you have been following Christ, He has something new for you as you seek Him.

If you feel like you have been in a season that has been dormant spiritually or if you have been wondering when the long, dark days are going to end, then be encouraged for spring is coming! *A new season is upon you!*

God is making a way in your wilderness and bringing streams of living water into the wasteland. He is bringing new life, new hope and new growth for each of us spiritually as we trust in Him. What He asks in return is for us to turn our hearts to Him, to return to our first love and make Him our greatest treasure.

*He asks for us to **Taste of Him** and know He is good! May we have eyes to see the new things our God is doing all around us and through us. May we believe our God is a God of restoration, revival and redemption!*



Isaiah 43:19

*See, I am doing a
new thing!*

Now it springs

*up; do you not
perceive it?*

*I am making a way
in the wilderness.*

In This Issue

- Refreshing Your Soul
- What's Your Purpose?
- Welcome New Members
- March Celebrations
- Coming Events



Refreshing Your Soul

Psalm 23: 1-6 *"The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

God is our only source that refreshes our soul. He offers everything we will ever need, and more than we could ever ask for.

When you are weary and feel like you can't go on, take rest in His loving arms and let Him refresh and strengthen you.

When your mind is racing with thoughts that overwhelm you, quiet yourself in His presence and let His peace wash over.

When you are uncertain of which direction to take, turn to His Word for wisdom and clarity.

When you face troubling times that fill you with fear, tune your heart to His loving presence and be filled with His comfort.

When you feel disgruntled with what you lack, be reminded of God's many blessings in your life and let your cup overflow once more with gratefulness in all that you do have.

May you always remember God is the one true source to refresh, restore, and renew your soul. May you find God as you seek Him in His Holy Word. He is always there longing to meet with you and fill you overflowing with His love.

Celebrating- March Birthdays

Steve Wearne	March 1
Joe Arndt	March 7
Ann Jennings	March 8
Mary Martinez	March 11
Melisa Arndt	March 14
Lily Arndt	March 15
Kathryn Martin	March 15
Julie Graham	March 22
Gaylene Richardson	March 25
Carolyn Rood	March 27
Kalleb Sugden	March 31

Wedding Anniversary:

Laurie and Doug Muench March 10

If you are newer please let us know your special birthdays and anniversaries so we can celebrate with you! Thank you!



Welcome New Members!

What a joy to have new additions to our growing family!

It is so good to see God continue to build His church and bring in new friends with new gifts to share, for His glory and for our great blessing!

Welcome to:

Bob Lentz

Joe Hanks

Debbie Gundlach Rogers

Carolyn Rood

Brigitte Buchmeier

Raymond Ebert

May you always feel at home here at Living Gospel Church and may there be many wonderful friendships formed in the days ahead.

Numbers 6: 24-26

²⁴ *The LORD bless you
and keep you;*
²⁵ *the LORD make his face
shine on you
and be gracious to you;*
²⁶ *the LORD turn his
face toward you
and give you peace.*



What's Your Purpose?

Matthew 22: 36-40 ³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Do you ever wonder what purpose God has for you?

We struggle with this often and can get impatient, frustrated and discouraged because we don't know what God wants for our lives? We complicate things so often, when truly the main purpose we are given is quite simple.

I have been asked some variation of this question many times, “How am I supposed to know what God has me uniquely here to do?”

We want our purpose to give us our identity, but God means it to work the other way around. **Our identity gives us purpose.**

Love is central to our purpose. We are to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. We are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

When we do these two things, Jesus says we fulfill the intent of all the other commandments. There are none greater than these two. We are called to love as Christ loves us. We are called to learn how to love those in our lives, with Godly love, full of grace, forgiveness, compassion and loving kindness. This is truly a monumental purpose for each one of us to live out and should be seen as such.

Pastor and Author John Burke writes, “You don't need to worry about not fulfilling your purpose; if you seek God and His will, you will live it. But we can't forget, it's all about love.”

Coming Events

Sat. March 19th– Ladies breakfast and fellowship 8 am. Peggy Moll's home. W7251 Drake Rd. Poynette. *Please join us! It's fun and a great way to get to know others!*

Mon. March 21st- Ladies prayer group at church. 9 am.

Taste and See the Lord is Good– Try something new this year.

Wednesdays: 7 pm Adult Study and Fellowship– **Come and join the fun! We have room! Do something different and get to know God and others in a new light.**

Learning to Hear God's Voice– Just wrapping up. We had a fantastic time gathering these past 6 weeks! Thank you to all who joined in and made it fun and meaningful!

Create your own small group–*"Where 2 or 3 gather there I am"*

Proverbs 25:2 NKJV *It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

*May God bless you with greater understanding and wisdom as You
Taste of Him in New Ways this year.
Seek Him and Find He is Good!*

*Always Here for
You*

**Let us be in the habit
of meeting together.**

Is there something
troubling your heart?
Could you use someone
to talk to and pray with?

I am here for you. We are
not meant to shoulder our
burdens alone.

Contact Pastor Karrie.
Email: pastor@
livinggospelchurchrio.org

Or via cell phone:
608 566-3936

Living Gospel Church
322 Lincoln Ave.
Rio, WI 53960

PLACE
STAMP
HERE