

LIVING GOSPEL CHURCH NEWS

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God Bless America

Psalm 33: 10-12 NIV ¹⁰ **The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.** ¹¹ **But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.** ¹² **Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.**

“God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies. To the oceans white with foam. God bless America, my home sweet home.”

We all know the lyrics to this song and most likely sing it with great love for our country and all it stands for. This song was written by Irving Berlin who was born in Russia in 1888 and originally named Israel Baline. He and his family fled to America to escape Russian persecution of Jews. They arrived in New York in 1893 and made Manhattan their home. I shared this story in 2020 as encouragement in a time our nation felt freedoms challenged in a multitude of ways. This message is just as powerful now to remember where to put our hope and trust when times can be dark or uncertain.

Irving went on to serve in our US Army and penned this song while stationed at an Army camp during WWI. Much like many hymns we sing, this song is truly a prayer put into a melody. **This prayer is from the heart of an immigrant who experienced what it meant to live among the free and believed a country that followed God would remain in His blessing.**

This independence day, and throughout our lives may the words of this song and the heartfelt prayers of an immigrant be on our lips. May we also believe as we are faithful, our God will always watch over us. May we pray for American hearts to return to serve our God faithfully, for blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.



Psalm 33:12

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Freedom to Soar!

Isaiah 40:31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

In Christ, we are made to soar through this life on wings like eagles.

We are meant to attain the highest heights and accomplish the seemingly impossible. We have been called out of darkness into His glorious light! We have been chosen and set apart so that we stand out for others to see His glory radiating through us.

Never forget whose child you are and whose power you have flowing within you. You belong to the living God and you have the Spirit of Christ dwelling in you!

2 Timothy 1:7 NLT teaches us, ⁷“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”

You were given new life in Christ to live boldly, fearlessly and courageously to the glory of God. You have the freedom to soar and live life in faith, hope and love!

Rise up son and daughter of the Most High King! Rise up and soar as the child of God you are. Rise up and live with boldness knowing there is no greater power than the one living inside of you. Rise up and know *in Christ*, you are more than a conqueror in this world and for all eternity! ***It's time for us to soar on the wings of hope!***

Celebrating- July Birthdays

Brittany Sugden	July 3
Delbert Curtis	July 4
Lois Thurber	July 8
Jr Abela	July 10
Tracy Davis	July 19
Riley Landsverk	July 19
Reese Landsverk	July 21
Lexi Piekarski	July 27

Wedding Anniversaries

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



Filling the Backpacks

The Rio Community schools have generously been providing all needed supplies to all students for the last several years through generous community donations.

They also provide backpacks to those in need.

It is such a wonderful blessing for families to know this is one area that will not be a financial burden to them, and all students will have the supplies they need to succeed in school.

If you would like to give donations can be made payable to:

Rio Community Event Fund, 207 Lincoln Ave, PO Box 276, Rio, WI 53960.

Thank you!

May God bless your generosity and care for our area students.



5 Day Club in August!

Calling all children ages 5-12 to join in this great club

August 1st-5th.

1:30—3 pm each afternoon

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

We are blessed to host a 5 Day Club through CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship.) We had a wonderful turn out last year and we hope to have as many or more attending this year!

We could use your help to spread the word by inviting families who have children ages 5-12 years old. This is a really fun event offering Bible stories, memorizing scripture, games, songs, snacks and a whole lot of fun! ***This program is free!*** *If they can't make all days that is ok too.*

CEF trains and certifies teenagers to lead the teaching throughout 5 Day Club, which makes it really fun for younger children to engage and learn.

CEF does all the teaching and facilitating of games. Our responsibility includes providing a snack and having an adult there each afternoon to let them in and offer assistance as needed. **If you can donate simple snacks for an afternoon please let Pastor Karrie know.** Thank you!

Let us all be in prayer for God to stir in the hearts of these children that they should make knowing Jesus their greatest treasure. *May we also make knowing Jesus our greatest treasure and lead by example.*

Coming Events

Sunday, July 10th Pastor David Lusse will be filling in for Pastor Karrie. Please come and hear his word of encouragement and truth.

Sunday, July 17th Pastor Gilbert Asembo with Bethel 310 ministries will preach. He is from Kenya living in WI. He has planted churches and built an orphanage in Kenya. Let us pray and see how God calls us to support this work for His kingdom.

-Following service the 17th- we will have our potluck picnic at Willow Mills campground-courtesy of Jane and Charlie Biddle who stay there. Swimming, paddle boats, playground-fun! N5830 Cty Rd SS Rio. Bring a dish to pass.

Monday, July 18th Ladies Prayer Group. 9 am at church. Outside if it's nice!

Sunday, July 31st Community Worship Service in the Rio Firemen's Park. Area churches join together in worship. 10 am. Picnic potluck to follow. Pastor Karrie will be sharing the message.

Connect in a Small Group.

Wednesdays: 7 pm Adult Study and Fellowship— **Come and join the fun!**

Do something different this summer. Get to know God in a new light.

Wed's don't work? **Create your own small group-***"Where 2 or 3 gather there I am"*

Seek Him and find He is always 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?
Could you use some
spiritual counsel on a
matter?

I am here for you.
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***May God Bless You
and Make His Face
Shine Upon You.***

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