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NEW WINE

New Wine is still alive!

**More information to come on Rally Sunday
 September 12, 2021**

Stay tuned.....



THANK YOU to all who worked parking at SR River Days. A SPECIAL thank you to TIM CARLSON for heading this up!



Wanted copies of your pictures of activities at LWLC. Send them to church@lwlmn.org and they will be used on Rally Sunday, Sept 12.

**Confirmation Classes
 (Wednesday Night Education)**

Fall will be here before we know it. This also means that confirmation classes will start up again, too. Watch for more updates!



Also, there will be a fall confirmation for the young people who were not confirmed this spring.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
 is October 31 at 10:30 am.

Wishing to Join Living Waters?

**Contact the church office
 320.255.1135 or
 church@lwlmn.org and you will
 be notified of New Member
 Classes.**

transition team update

The transition team has met several times to discuss the transition process. We are inviting all of you to join us on Sunday, September 12, at 9:00am for Rally Sunday. It will be the kick-off for Sunday School as well as the beginning of our information gathering process as we seek your feedback in determining what leadership might look like moving forward.

The process of hiring a pastor, or maybe even 2 pastors, will take months following the compilation of your feedback and the creation of a Ministry Site Profile that will be shared with prospective pastoral candidates.

With that being said, we also know that there is a great emphasis placed on the support of our young people. Individuals from the transition team, some from the Council, and some from personnel committee met to work to create an Education Coordinator position description. They then met with individuals from the Finance Committee, personnel committee, and with Council. A decision was made to move forward to hire an Education Coordinator. The position will be part-time for a year, with the possibility of further employment, depending on the leadership needs that are identified through the process.

We need your help in the process. Here's how you can help...

- Plan to join us on Sunday, September 12 at 9am.
- Share photos of past activities and events that are part of the history of Living Waters. Patti will put together a slideshow that will be used during the service.
- Fill out the survey when it becomes available on September 12
- Meet with a Transition Team member or Pastor Ann to talk about the survey and God's vision for Living Waters.
- Invite others who attend Living Waters to join in the process, too.
- Continue to pray for wisdom and discernment in this process, as well as for those serving on the transition team.

If you have questions, please contact a Transition Team member:

Blair Schrader, Brad Becker, Michele Berkovich, Elizabeth Pederson, Judy Bettendorf, Bryce Paulson, Laura Lee Gullickson, Terry Sylvester, Holly Janson, or Pastor Ann.

WANTED: an EDUCATION COORDINATOR at LWLC!

Woohoo!! Living Waters is searching for a part-time Education Coordinator to work with our youth and volunteers to help create and organize opportunities of spiritual growth and education. If you or anyone you know is interested, check out our website at (www.lwlcmmn.org), Facebook (Living Waters Lutheran Church SR), or ask for a position

description in the office. Please pray for the applicants, the program, and the process, and share far and wide.

We're
HIRING

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Grandpa and Grandma B. lived on a farm, and I know things weren't always easy for them growing up, but I don't know all the details about their upbringing. I do know that they both came from families with 12 siblings. And I thought that 5 siblings was a lot...

Anyway, I know that my Grandma was more vocal about her views on saving things. She'd save extra ketchup packets (maybe that's where I got that from... let me know if you need any...). I also know that they had a huge double chest freezer in the porch. It had 2 compartments, each with a lid. Most of the time that freezer held vases with plastic flowers set on doilies that were probably made by a great aunt or my Great Grandma. Occasionally, I was around to see flowers moved to the table nearby because a search ensued for some hunk of meat wrapped in butcher paper that would be

pulled out of one side or the other of that long, frost-filled freezer. Occasionally, I'd see that there were boxes of chocolates, wrappers still intact, with a Christmas label attached so Grandma knew who it came from. The label also contained something else that my Grandma had written on it...the year. That was quite telling... Some of those boxes of chocolates were two or three years old... And some were even older than that! I don't remember exact dates, but I wouldn't be exaggerating to say that some were at least 10 years old!

I understand the desire to preserve things so they might be enjoyed at a later day and time, but when is it appropriate to discard things that are a bit out of date, even mediocre...or those things that are just plain bad?

Isn't the same true in our lives? When do we decide to let go of things that no longer work, but are somehow around just because we've always done it that way, or because we don't want to hurt someone's feelings. What do we need to de-clutter in our homes? What is no longer useful? Are we really going to replace the plug end on the cord for the fan? If so, just get it done. If not, get rid of it. Are you really going to use the bag full of bags, or can they be recycled? And that gift that you got that you got for your wedding years ago that you've never used? Well, maybe pull it out and use it, or find someone who will appreciate it. And those clothes that you're waiting to fit into "someday"... Well...you get the point.

And isn't it also true in our churches? We've been hearing and actually experiencing a decline in attendance at our churches. It certainly doesn't mean that God isn't working or that those individuals aren't connected to God anymore. It just might mean that we need to find new or different ways to connect and be in community with God and one another. What might it look like to reimagine new ways to "do church" or new ways to connect or reconnect with God and those around us? What is God up to? What is God calling us to do?

What do we do with that old box of chocolates in the freezer? Let's get rid of the old ones that have turned from brown to white because they're old and have lost their flavor and their appeal. Let's dive into the new ones, enjoying and savoring the new.

Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless."

Let's pray...

God of all we have, help us to let go of things that don't serve you and your people and grab onto those things that help your people not only survive, but thrive. Help us to see and recognize the many ways you're working in our lives and help us to act...to share your love, your grace, and your goodness with those around us. In Jesus name we pray... Amen.

Blessings this day and always+

Pastor Ann



RALLY SUNDAY - September 12th

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION

- a kid's carnival
- Transition team kick off
- Sunday School registration
- God's Work Our Hands sign up
- New Wine News!
- Kindergartner Blessing
- Stewardship kick off

ONE SERVICE at 9:00 AM

WINTER IS COMING

One of the activities at God's Work Our Hands is to fill bags with winter items for the homeless at the Lincoln Center. Starting today we are looking for donations of the following:

- CHAPSTICK
- SOCKS (MEN & WOMENS)
- HAND WARMERS
- FOOT WARMERS
- TOOTH PASTE
- TOOTH BRUSHES
- DEODORANT

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA GOODIES FROM YOUR GARDEN?



IF SO, BRING THEM TO CHURCH AND THEY WILL BE SHARED WITH LWLC MEMBERS AND WITH PEOPLE WHO COME TO THE FOOD SHELF.

Remember when...



... we could all sing in a choir?

Well, we are taking names for choir reconvening this fall. Rehearsal times and schedules TBA! Contact

Janet Anderson at janet@lwlcmmn.org.



School Supply Collection for Pleasantview!

We consider Pleasantview our neighborhood school, and we like to lend a hand if possible! We are looking for donations of:

- Regular size crayons (24 basic colors, Crayola preferred)
 - Box of 10 wide classic washable markers (Crayola preferred)
 - 2-pocket plain vinyl folders
 - Wide lined spiral notebooks
 - Large box facial tissue
 - Glue sticks
 - Pair of headphones (no earbuds)
 - Standard size school box
 - Composition notebook
 - Container Clorox wipes
- ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH WHENEVER YOU ARE THERE. THEY CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE OFFICE OR BEHIND THE ALTAR.**
- PLEASE KEEP THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF PLEASANTVIEW ELEMENTARY IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

Daniel 2: 19-23

Daniel blessed the God of heaven, saying, "Blessed be the name of God, forever and ever. He knows all, does all: He changes the seasons and guides history, He raises up kings and also brings them down, he provides both intelligence and **discernment**, He opens up the depths, tells secrets, sees in the dark—light spills out of him! God of all my ancestors, all thanks! all praise! You made me wise and strong. And now you've shown us what we asked for."

Discernment (def.) perception in the absence of judgment, with a view to obtaining spiritual direction and understanding

Decisions, decisions, decisions...This is what we think of as discernment. Discernment is what we need in order to truly see where God is moving Living Waters forward. God will never move us back to anything that was done before.

Does discernment sound difficult? It can be but I have a couple of suggestions to make it easier, maybe. These come from a variety of spiritual direction sources.

1. Take your time. Don't rush into a panicked decision or stance. God's timing is not ours. God is preparing you as well as the result that is best.
2. Immerse yourself in the knowledge and realization of how much God loves you!! God wants your highest good and happiness more than you do.
3. Imagine, visualize and write down what you think you want to happen.
4. Imagine, visualize and write down what you think God wants to happen.
5. Pray for a softened heart, opened eyes and the ability to release that which you may have to let go. Practice truly letting go and letting God's Will reign. You'll be glad you did!!

1 Chronicles 22: 11-16

"So now, son, God be with you. God-speed as you build the sanctuary for your God, the job God has given you. And may God also give you **discernment** and understanding when he puts you in charge of Israel so that you will rule in reverent obedience under God's Revelation. That's what will make you successful, following the directions and doing the things that God commanded. Courage! Take charge! Don't be timid; don't hold back. Look at the stockpile of materials for the sanctuary of God and you're free to add more. And workers both plentiful and prepared. You're all set—get to work! And God-speed!"

God's Peace, Pastor Bobbi Bell

Thanks and Appreciation

For

BISHOP JON ANDERSON

Open House Gathering: August 14 * 1-5 pm * All are welcome.

Redwood Area Community Center
901 E Cook Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283

*We are gathering to celebrate Bp Jon's 18 years of service to
the Southwestern Minnesota Synod.*

*Bp Jon will conclude his third, six-year term as Bishop on
August 31, 2021.*

God's Work, Our Hands | Sept 26, 2021

Everyone's Hands matter!

Activities include:

Highway cleanup
rolling bandages
card craft to bring to area care facilities
assembling winter bags for the homeless



You will have an opportunity to
sign up for one of the activities
starting on Rally Sunday,
September 12.

**God's Work
Our Hands**



Please plan to have a fun day at FALL FEST on Sept 25, 2021!

-  **Bake Sale:** Start thinking about what goodies you would like to donate for the bake sale. We know we have some excellent bakers in our community. If interested in helping or donating contact Terry Sylvester.
-  **Rummage Sale:** One person's trash, is another person's treasure! Start thinking about items you want to donate. More details coming.
-  **Outdoor Adventure (A walk/run faith journey)**

Let's drop in on a conversation between a grandfather and grandson.

Grandson: A walk/run faith journey?

Grandpa: That's right. When I was your age a walk/run was how I saw God's creation outside with my friends. My father did it, your father did it and now I will share that with you

Grandson: Does it have any activities in it?

Grandpa: Are you kidding? creation story, Jesus's first miracle, birds, rainbow, hokey pokey, ducks, hopscotch, riddles, laughter

Grandson: That sound like fun! Yes, let's do it together!

Grandpa: Great!

It will be a trail adventure from the church around Prairie Lane Park and back. There will be 2 route options: a 2 mile route and a 5k route. Registration will be in the church office or on website soon.

If interested in helping for this event please contact Brad at giese76@gmail.com

Thrivent Grants

Do you have a Thrivent policy or financial service products that you've purchased from them? Did you know that they offer seed money for projects that benefit others? Thrivent members that have certain products have access to these funds (\$250 plus shirts and other advertising materials) up to 2 times per year. Living Waters has many projects that support people in our community that can benefit from additional funding. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to share those funds to support one of these efforts or something that you're passionate about, we would be more than willing to assist you in requesting funds or finding out more about the process, assisting with upcoming projects, or coming up with ideas for new projects.

Contact Pastor Ann at ann@lwlcmm.org or 763-447-7664 or Patti at patti@lwlcmm.org or 320-255-1135 to assist you.



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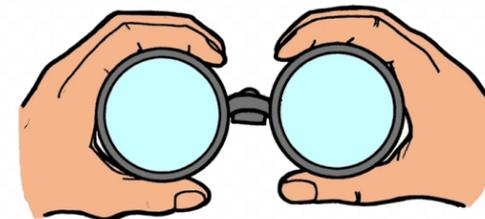
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LWLC Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus, we seek to reach, teach, and care for God's world as a welcoming and inclusive community.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR.....MAYBE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW!

Nick Tapio has resigned his position as our Treasurer. We are thankful for his service to Living Waters in this capacity. We now need a new treasurer. If you are interested, or know someone that might be gifted in this area, we invite you to share their name with us, and share the opportunity as well. (This is an unpaid position.)



We will also need to hire a Financial Secretary at the end of the year to replace Linda Becker. Please share this position information with others, too. Ideally, the person will be able to train with Linda before her retirement commences. (This is a paid position.)

Please contact a council member or Pastor Ann if you have questions or know of any individuals that might be interested.