



Summer

LWLC Mission Statement

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

Introducing ...



*Cookies, Coffee
 and
 Conversation*

Starting August 23rd, Pastor Jake and Stephani Dyrhaug will host "Cookies, Coffee and Conversation" on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Living Waters Lutheran Church. They invite you to come for an informal time with coffee (and lemonade), Steph's home-made chocolate chip cookies and conversation.

These gatherings will feature opportunities for the Dyrhaugs to get to know people better and to hear the story and dreams of Living Waters.

“

This is just a time to get to know each other better and to hear how you got connected at Living Waters, what you really like about our church, and what some of your hopes and dreams are for our congregation.

~ Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

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Starting
 August
 23rd



More information
 on page 2.

Join Us For Outdoor Worship

Sunday,
August 21st
11 a.m.



Bring your own chairs for outdoor worship. An indoor service will take place at 9:30 a.m.

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Each week Pastor Jake and Stephani hope to have about 10-15 people in the Hope fireside room.

Call or email the church office at 255-1135 or church@lwlcmn.org, and Ellarry will schedule a night that works, beginning with August 23rd, 30th and September 6th.

We will continue to call folks throughout the year, calling through the church directory from the A's to the Z's, but as we're getting going, just contact us with a night you can come!

Cookies, Coffee and Conversation

With Pastor Jake and Stephani Dyrhaug

Sign up for this Tuesday-evening gathering on the clipboard in the Narthex, or call/email the LWLC office.



Starting
August 23
at 6:30 p.m.

320.255.1135
church@lwlcmn.org

Music News



Choir to return with Thursday rehearsals

We are starting choir this fall on **THURSDAY NIGHTS!** First rehearsal will be Thursday, September 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will plan on two rehearsals a month and sing one Sunday a month to begin. Stay “tuned”! More information will be handed out at the first rehearsal. See you there!

By Janet Anderson, Choir Director

New piano coming to Living Waters sanctuary

We are getting a new piano for the sanctuary! It is a larger Kawai grand (by 1 foot) that is used, however, in mint condition. It has a brilliant sound, a booming bass, due to the longer strings, and hammers in great shape.

We have two ways to finance this. One is by selling our current piano and the other is by selling “keys” to our new piano. Stand by for Sunday’s announcement for the details on this project.



A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center table in the LWLC Narthex. You can also call the church office (320-255-1135) to sign up.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

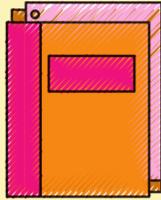
Living Waters Lutheran Church

RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m.



Join us for a dedicated day of service in our community. We will clean up our Adopt-a-Highway section and complete two other projects. T-shirts are available. Call Leann with the Outreach Team - 320-291-7148 - for questions.



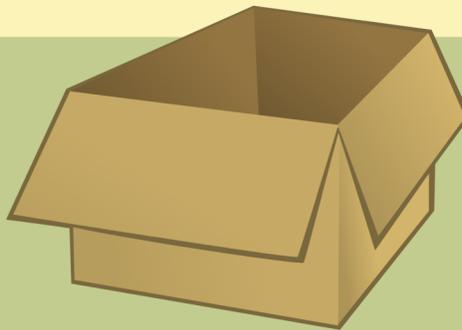
School Supply Drive



For Pleasantview Elementary



Living Waters is collecting school supplies for students at our local elementary school.



If you'd like to support this outreach, please bring supplies to the church by Sept. 11.

Needed Items

- Boxes of 10 wide classic washable markers (Crayola preferred)
- Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- Spiral notebooks
- Folders 1
- Boxes of facial tissue
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- Standard size school box
- Reams of brightly colored copy paper
- Children's size underwear and socks
- Children's size sweat pants and/or leggings
- Clorox wipes (optional)

Where Do You See God?



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

Where do you see God? In the scriptures we read that no one has seen God face to face, but that God is in the midst of us everywhere and we can see where God has been doing things —“in, with, under and through” the water of baptism, the bread and wine of communion. God is there when people have compassion in Jesus’ name on other people who need help. God is present in the beauty of creation and through beautiful artwork, in smiles of loved ones. God is everywhere. In the summer in Minnesota, we live in one of the most beautiful places in the world with the lakes, rivers and forests. Even someone who may not be all that religious will look around us in Minnesota in the summertime and say, “God, that’s beautiful”, or “Thank God it’s so nice out today.” Truth is, God is just as present in the Spirit in this time as in the beginning when God created the earth, when God’s Spirit moved over the face of the Earth, and God first separated light from the darkness, as we read in the first book of the Bible, “Genesis.” So God is out and about in this world in nature. And God dwells in the heart of every believer.

Jesus, God’s Son, knocks at the door of our hearts because he wants to give us abundant life (Revelation 3:20). He gave his life on the cross for us, that being raised from the dead, we may know the depth of God’s

forgiveness and love (John 3:16). Still, there are some who deny Jesus and will not let him in or accept God’s redemptive love for all people, saying, “That’s not for me.” Call it original sin, or just being closed off to God’s love, but people do this. We don’t really know why, that’s for God to know. For this reason it is harder for us to see how God is with us, all around us, active in this world and with us every step of the way. And we can get scared—our worries and anxieties in this no-man’s land can get out-of-hand. All the peace in our souls that we had when we felt we were connected with God is gone, and it’s a desperate situation.

The good news is, there’s a way through this. God never deliberately leaves us on our own. Jesus describes our loving God as like the father of the Prodigal Son, waiting with open arms for the children to come home (Luke 15:11-32). And when they have come back home, God never refuses them. Nothing can ever take the place of our God, who knows all we need, and we can give our worries to the Lord at any moment of the day, knowing that when we do, we don’t need to fear anything. God’s power is behind us and before us, and what greater source of peace of mind can we know? The Almighty loves us and leads us. It’s in Jesus’ love that we can actually see God. And knowing that will breathe new life into us even more than a beautiful summer day.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

CORNER

COUNCIL

Next Council Meeting: August 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm
(the third Tuesday of the month)

President:	Blair Schrader
Vice President:	John Fuls
Secretary:	Linda Agre
Treasurer:	Mary Soroko
Liaisons...	
Congregational Life:	Tom Satre
Education:	John Fuls
Finance	Brian Ulrich
Inreach:	
Outreach:	Leann Giese
Personnel:	Aaron Sufka
Property:	Blair Schrader
Worship & Music:	Brad Giese
Youth:	Daniel Agre

Council Meeting Minutes Update

The Church Council meeting minutes are emailed with the monthly newsletter for your convenience. See attachments to your email for detailed minutes, or pick up a copy at the church.



Council President Update

I hope this newsletter finds you well, enjoying the dog days of summer, and readying for the fall ahead.

After our most recent council meeting, I shared with a fellow council member that I feel like we have turned a corner and we're on a good path. We have worked through some significant parts of this transition in leadership and staff. Now the fun begins! There is new and renewed energy at Living Waters. We're getting ready for fall activities, such as the return of New Wine and others, which you are reading about in this month's newsletter. More will be coming in the next few weeks. Watch your email, make sure you catch the announcements each Sunday, and join us as we find our new normal.

In Peace,
Blair Schrader
LWLC Council President



Worship and Music Team

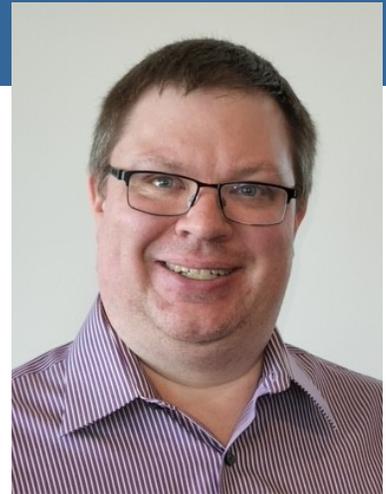
Greetings church friends and family. What is the difference between a piano, a fish, and a tub of glue? You can tune a piano, but you cannot tuna fish.

Speaking of pianos, we have an opportunity to upgrade our piano. It would be a foot bigger than our current one, and the tone is rich and heavenly. Council has approved getting it, provided that we can sell the current one and fundraise. So, please support.

We have set a date for an outdoor service, weather permitting. The third Sunday in August—the 21st. So, bring your lawn chairs, blanket, hat, sunscreen and your friends.

We are also discussion of seeing if Mel's brass quartet is able to lead music during our rally Sunday worship service in September. And who knows, I heard Pastor Jake is in a band. So, have you figured out how the tub of glue is connected with the fish and piano yet? I figured you'd get stuck on that one.

Brad Giese



Outreach Team

Greetings, LWLC family and friends. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the outdoors and activities that come with summer.

Thanks to all of the members who participated in our meat silent auction that was held a couple weeks ago. We made over \$900 to help support the food shelf. That money we raised will be used to buy more food from Second Harvest. Our food rescue program with Kwik Trip is going really well. This last week, we were able to give prepared meals and meat to the people who use our food shelf at no cost to us.

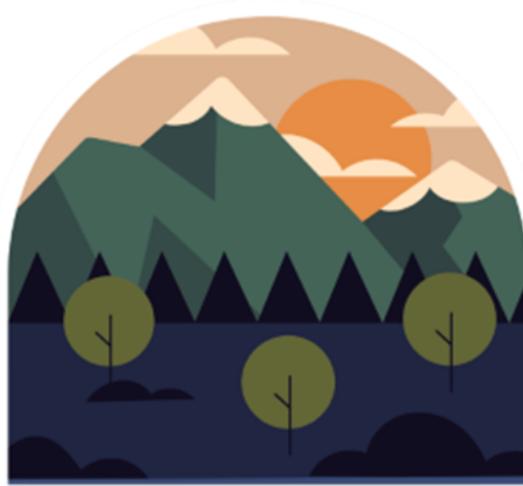
This fall and winter brings new activities for the outreach team. Along with rally Sunday for youth education, we will be having Gods Work, Our Hands. We are planning on ordering shirts for this event. We're still working on the details, but we will have the road clean-up for sure. We have been asked to do our area two times a year. We are planning on the second Sunday in September and the second Sunday in May. If you're interested in helping, please let Leann know.

Our community project for this fall will be school supplies for Pleasantview Elementary. Let's help our youth start out with a successful school year.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped support Lincoln Center with cereal these last couple months. They greatly appreciated it.

Leann Giese





New Wine troupe at Living Waters Lutheran Church planning trip to Colorado

NEW WINE 2023 – New Wine will be heading to beautiful Colorado next summer. What we need this fall are people to fill the vans and spread the word. Because of a two-year break due to COVID, we are opening our tour to those up to 25 years old who would still like to do this great trip. We are looking for young adults who are in 9th grade this coming year to 25 years old. If you fall within that age bracket, come and find out more information on Rally Sunday!

When: June 2023 (10-day tour)

Who: 9th grade to 25 years old

Where: Rapid City, Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, Jewel Cave, Cheyenne, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, Royal Gorge White Water Rafting, and Denver, to list a few.

What: Short Skits and Songs

**A parent/interest meeting will be held after the church service on
September 11th. Or, come on September 14th at 6:30 p.m.**

Volunteers raised
\$1,700!



RAPIDS RIVER

FOOD Fest

MANY THANKS

To the group of 19 volunteers from Living Waters Lutheran Church who helped park vehicles during Rapids River Food Fest on June 25 in Sauk Rapids. For their time and efforts, Living Waters received \$1,700 from the Rapids River Food Fest Board of Directors. This is believed to be the largest amount Living Waters Lutheran Church has received from Food Fest.

Be wary of email scams involving people who impersonate the pastor



The staff at Living Waters Lutheran Church is aware of email scams through which the sender attempts to impersonate Pastor Jake Dyrhaug and asks the recipient for money, gift cards, or personal information.

DO NOT respond to these emails. Pastor Jake will never contact you by email to request money or to solicit personal information, nor will he ask you to communicate with him exclusively by email or text message.

Pastor Jake's email account has not been hacked. Instead, through a scheme known as "whaling," fraudulent email accounts have been configured to look at first glance like a legitimate one.

If you receive an email from Pastor Jake asking you to take some form of action – wire money, purchase gift cards and reply with the serial numbers, help him with an "urgent task," etc. – and are questioning its validity, call the church office at 320-255-1135 to confirm.

Trust your gut. If it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.

Even if you think that the message could be legitimate but still seems a little "off," don't act on it until you speak verbally to someone from the church office.

Indicators the email message is fraudulent:

- The sender's email address – which is displayed in the 'From' field – does not match Pastor Jake's actual email address. A sender who recently claimed to be Pastor Jake in emails to Ellarry used the email address pastor.56974@gmail.com. That email address does not belong to Pastor Jake and is not associated with the church.
Pastor Jake's email address is pastorjake@lwlcmn.org. No other variation of this is official.
- The message contains a generic greeting, such as "Dear Sir/Madam," or no greeting at all.
- The message contains spelling and grammatical errors.
- The subject of the email suggests a sense of urgency.

Verify the "from email"

Scammers hope people will spring to "action" as soon as they see an important name – i.e. the pastor – on an email.

You can outsmart scammers by checking the "from" email address to see if it matches what you know the actual address to be.

Notice the sender's name is Pastor Jake Dyrhaug, but the email address isn't his. His actual email address is pastorjake@lwlcmn.org.



Fellowship Hosts Wanted!



Sign up to serve coffee, lemonade and treats from the small kitchen at Living Waters. A host is needed every Sunday.

Fellowship starts at 9 a.m.



Well done!

Thank you for supporting the Living Waters Food Shelf at the July 17 meat auction. The meat auction raised over \$900. A special thanks to the organizers!

Confirmation Classes

Approaching

Parents of youth looking to participate in Confirmation classes should call or email the church office to provide current contact information. We are updating our list. Thank you!

320-255-1135
church@lwlcmmn.org

Volunteers Needed To Count Donations

Living Waters is seeking volunteers to count donations after church services. Four new counters are needed. It's a half-hour commitment once a month. Email Treasurer Mary Soroko at mpsoroko@gmail.com if you are interested in serving as a counter.



Lid Collection Ceases

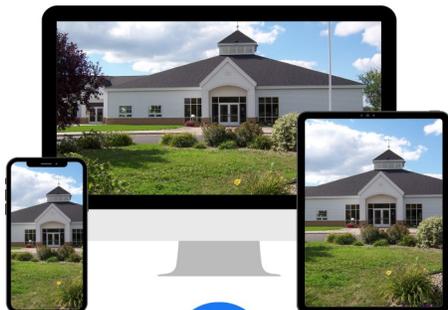
Living Waters is no longer collecting plastic lids. Please recycle your lids at home. Thank you for your past support.

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
9:30 AM**

JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM VIA FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEOS

Follow

LIVING WATERS
LUTHERAN CHURCH



FACEBOOK:

facebook.com/livingwaters.lutheranchurch



YOUTUBE:

youtube.com/channel/UCXpyZgcJVYXf0w4AtX2Pwng/featured

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday

Closed

 320-255-1135

 church@lwlcmn.org

**FOOD SHELF
HOURS**

**TUESDAYS
10AM - NOON**



CHURCH CALENDAR

Click on the picture
to access the
church calendar or go to
www.lwlcmm.org/calendar

Living Waters Lutheran Church welcomes back the

JUSTICE COMMITTEE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

I N C L U S I O N

Come join the
conversation
about how we can
be inclusive to all
people!

September 22
6 - 7:30 p.m.
at LWLC

Questions about
the group?
Contact Warren
Christie at
320-493-5404.

Due to staffing issues, the Living Waters Nursery is closed until further notice. Diaper-changing tables are located in restrooms in the Life and Learning Center.



Lincoln Center looking for volunteers

Lincoln Center, a shelter for people experiencing homelessness or extreme poverty, is in need of volunteers to help out two to four hours per day, anytime of day. Receptionists/counter workers are also needed during the 12:30 and 5 p.m. mealtimes.

If interested, call Harry Fleegel at 612-868-0465.

The shelter is located on the east side of St. Cloud.

Contact Info



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug
(320) 733-0257

Ellarry — Church Office
(320) 255-1135

REMINDER

The deadline to submit articles for the church newsletter is:

4th Tuesday
of the month



Email articles and other content to Ellarry at church@lwlcmn.org. Thanks!

THANK YOU

For your ongoing financial support.



Set up BILL PAY through your bank or credit union. It is free. Contributions will be sent to the church on YOUR schedule.

Send money through PAYPAL. To avoid paying a fee, make sure to select that you are sending money to a friend. Send to church@lwlcmmn.org.

Send contributions the old-fashioned way. MAIL checks via USPS to:
Living Waters Lutheran Church
1911 4th Ave. N.
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Please remember to specify on your check or envelope what your contribution will be used for (building expenses, food shelf, office administrative services, mortgage, etc.)
We want to be sure funds are going where they need to go.

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 Jake at PastorJake@lwlcmmn.org or call 320-255-1135 to assist you.

The Amazon Smile logo, featuring the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with the Amazon arrow logo below it.

You shop. Amazon gives.

Thank you to everyone who has Living Waters Lutheran Church designated on your AMAZON SMILE ACCOUNT. A percentage of qualified purchases is given to Living Waters if you have designated Living Waters as your charity of choice.



LuMin of St. Cloud (Lutheran Campus Ministry) is running to the future, and we invite you to join us. We will be running in the Ragnar Minnesota relay happening

August 12-13, 2022 and we need support. 12 runners, 2 drivers and others cheering them on, praying for their safety, and financially giving towards their efforts, all so LuMin can continue to be an inclusive, Christ-Centered community for college aged students in the St. Cloud area.

Here is how it works...

12 runners take turns running in 36 segments from St. Paul to Duluth. This means each team member will run 3 segments totalling 15-26 miles in 2 days. When one runner is out on course, the rest of the team is in the van, encouraging others, bonding with each other, or getting some rest.

The 12 runners commit to participating in the event and paying to offset the entry fee of \$150 (tax deductible donation to LuMin). Each runner fundraises from congregations, family, and friends to support LuMin's ministry. LuMin will help by connecting runners to local congregations, setting up a crowdsourcing fundraising page for you, and providing event logistical support and some awesome team swag. For more information about Ragnar events [CLICK HERE](#)

Not the running type, but enjoy long drives with sweating people who know the importance of vibrant campus ministry? We need 2 van drivers, too.

Our team is also responsible for providing event volunteers, so if you want the fun of this event in a 4-6 hour amount of time with no running? Please consider being one of our volunteers.

There are so many ways to support this effort. If you are willing to do any of the above mentioned team roles, please click this link to the interest form. [LuMin runs Ragnar MN Interest form](#)

And of course, we are doing this because we understand the importance of campus ministry. Your financial support is incredibly valued. To donate to this effort, please click the donate button at this link [Support LuMin in St. Cloud](#)

For more information about Team "12 LuMins" contact steven@luminstcloud.com, or check out our website, www.luminstcloud.com