



*Sunday School and Wednesday Education will return with the addition of WOW—Worship on Wednesday.*

## Fall Education starts in mid-September

By DeNetta Wolbeck, Education Liaison

Fall and Back to School are just around the corner... and we, too, are busy preparing for our Youth Education programs!

We are super excited to partner with Calvary Connect and the Orange Curriculum, with fun segments for learning for all of our youth programs!

“Ready, Set, Move!” is our first segment and will be kicking off Sunday, September 10, with Sunday School for Pre-K (potty trained/age 3 and up) through 3rd grade right after the Sunday service, so about 10:10 a.m. for a 45-minute class. Music and more!

WOW Wednesdays is the NEW Wednesday Confirmation class for our 4th-10th graders.

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# Waves!

Beach-themed Vacation Bible School empowers kids to share God's love



By DeNetta Wolbeck, 2023 VBS Coordinator

We had three evenings of fun with a family-style VBS!! Our theme was “Make Waves,” and boy, did we ever!

The kids had a great time learning about God, the creation story and more! We had some awesome crafts, games, music and worship, topped off with fun snacks for the theme each day at the Surf Shack!

It was amazing to see so much joy and laughter (and maybe a little chaos at times) as the kids were making crafts

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We will follow a similar format with pizza served at 5:30 p.m. and music/class time from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Once a month, there will be a family-night-style Confirmation class. Speakers, service projects and more are in the works! Registration forms will be available online and in the church office.

We need you! You don't have to be a teacher to lead a class (or even know the Bible). You can learn along with the students and strengthen your own faith journey! Please consider helping

out. We are currently looking for volunteers to lead the classes for the youth. There are easy-to-follow curriculum segments; we will give you the tools you need!

It does take a village! Please consider volunteering to plant good seeds for our future generations!

Thinking about it... have questions? Please reach out to the church office to learn more! Call 320-255-1135 or email [church@lwlcmn.org](mailto:church@lwlcmn.org).

## 2023 Fall Education Snapshot

- LWLC will have both Sunday School and Wednesday Education with the addition of a worship service with communion on Wednesday evenings.
- LWLC will continue with one worship service at 9:00 a.m. in September, followed by Sunday School for Pre-K through 3rd grade students.
- The Wednesday Education program will continue to serve pizza at 5:30 p.m., followed by worship with communion and then music and classes for 4th through 9th grades. Anyone is welcome to attend WOW—the worship on Wednesday service.



## NURSERY NOW OPEN

The Living Waters Nursery is now open for use during worship on Sunday mornings, but it is not staffed. Please stay with your child at all times.



VBS 2023

“What you do today can change the world around you.”

# Make Waves

and new friends and singing! Not to mention the ultimate dance party every day!

The planning team did an outstanding job and brought so much joy and energy to the event! Thanks to all those who pitched in behind the scenes to set up and decorate, and to those who helped serve snacks, play, sing or cue the music videos, lead crafts and games, and assisted with the worship lessons! We couldn't have done it without you!!

Thank you, Pastor Jake, Ellarry Prentice, Karen Andersen, Michele Berkovich, Holly Janson, Mara Jahnke, Linda Becker, Chris Kiewel, Kurt and AJ Wolbeck, Kailey Gazett, Paul Martinson, Max Fortner, Brad and Leann Giese and all the families that participated!

A very special thanks to all those who helped out and to Mary's Mermaids for providing a free Taco Dinner on the last day of the event! Thank you, Yvonne Crandall, Ellen Howe, Lori Schoborg and Doris Weber!

With a grateful heart - thank you!

*DeNetta*





# VBS 2023





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# FALL FEST IS BACK!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

Many volunteer opportunities are available. Please contact the church office if you would like to get involved!

[church@lwlcmn.org](mailto:church@lwlcmn.org) 320-255-1135



Help Us Spread the Word About Fall Fest!

Tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers! This fun event generates funding for our church and fosters community engagement.

## 2023 Fall Fest Lineup

**Rummage Sale**

**Plant Sale**

**Craft & Vendor Fair**

**Bake Sale**

**Concessions**

**Barrel Raffle**

**Bean Bag Tournament**

**Kids' Carnival**

**Games**

**Petting Zoo**

**Grilling**

**Bingo**

**Chili Contest**

**Music**

**SAVE THE DATE**

# FALL FEST is Saturday, September 23

**RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!**

## NEW EVENT

### Plant sale!



**PLEASE SAVE  
YOUR PLANTS!**

## NEW EVENT Bean Bag Tournament

**CASH PRIZES!**



**WANTED!**  
Craft Beer,  
Wine,  
Coffee, &  
Chocolate!

We're having a barrel raffle and are seeking donations of these items. Please bring to church by September 1.

## NEW EVENT Chili Contest



## Bake Sale Donations

The Fall Fest Bake Sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, September 23, at the church. Donations of breads, pies, cakes, cookies and other baked goods are appreciated. Donations of baked goods will be accepted on September 22 at the church. Please list the item and ingredient list. Items will be priced accordingly.



Own a business or know someone who does? We are looking for sponsors and gift cards!

## Cleaning out your closet?

Consider donating items to the church! Living Waters is having a rummage sale at Fall Fest on September 23. Proceeds support the church.



**A drop-off date will be announced soon for early September.**

## ACCEPTED ITEMS

- All sizes of gently used clothing - Clean and laundered; no holes
- Sports equipment
- Lawn and garden tools
- Books
- Toys
- Housewares
- Other household miscellaneous

Items must be in working condition. No junk.



**Nationally-Known  
Performing Artists**



**CHRIS  
TOMLIN  
SATURDAY**

**Join LWLC's Celebrate MN Team!**

LWLC is getting a team together with Atonement Lutheran, St. Cloud, to help with the Celebrate Minnesota event coming up August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Celebrate MN will be a big event of music, fun and a message of hope for all ages. Volunteers from churches in the St. Cloud area are teaming up to make this an awesome event. Let Pastor Jake know if you are interested in volunteering, and go to [celebratemn.org/volunteer](http://celebratemn.org/volunteer) or open the QR code on the posters in the narthex.



**SWITCHFOOT  
FRIDAY**



**Friday, August 11  
2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 12  
11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**Whitney Park  
1529 Northway Dr.  
St. Cloud, MN 56303**



**ZACH WILLIAMS  
FRIDAY**

**LIVE MUSIC +**



**Action Sports**

Motocross, BMX & skateboarding



**Car Show**

Motorcycles, muscle cars & more



**KidsFest**

Inflatables, games & performers



# SKATIN' PLACE



H2O, the senior high youth group at Living Waters, visited the Skatin' Place in St. Cloud on July 27. Youth from grades 8-12 and chaperones enjoyed pizza and open skate night.



# Second Quarter Financial Report

Prepared by Mary Soroko, Treasurer

General Fund Comparison			
Second Quarter 2023	2023	2022	Change
Revenues	\$ 143,313	\$ 136,437	5%
Expenditures	\$ 165,325	\$ 151,063	9%
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (22,012)	\$ (14,626)	
Mortgage Giving	\$ 20,558	\$ 21,049	-2%

## Thank you, Food Fest parking volunteers!

LWLC recently received a \$1,300 check from the Rapids River Food Fest Board of Directors. LWLC received compensation for each volunteer who helped park vehicles at Rapids River Food Fest in June. LWLC volunteers provided a total of 52 hours of parking assistance. Thanks to everyone who helped! Collectively, your efforts have generated thousands of dollars for LWLC over the past several years.

**FOOD SHELF  
HOURS**

**TUESDAYS  
10AM - NOON**



**Want to recycle *and* support Living Waters Lutheran Church?**

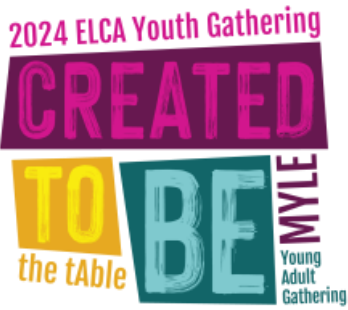
Place aluminum cans in the Cans for a Cause trailer at LWLC. No other recyclables are accepted.

**SOCIAL  
JUSTICE FOR  
ALL GOD'S  
CHILDREN**

**All are welcome to this meeting.**

Every 4th Thursday at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Room of Hope at LWLC.





**Save the Dates!** The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will be July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. Registration opens in mid-September - watch for more information! This year's theme is "Created To Be." Through interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship at this national faith formation event, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

## Ready, Set, Go!



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

*"Faith is the assurance of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see."*

*Hebrews 11:1*

When we follow Jesus, you never know where he might lead you. But we can take each step by faith and trust in what you CAN'T see because of what you CAN see. We can see God's love for us by looking at what Jesus taught us and did for us. Renewed in Christ, we can be all set to run into the future with confidence and abundant life.

I hope you are soaking in this summer, and that you are having some great days of sun. There's no place like Minnesota for that. It's great that we have such great air conditioning, too, at Living Waters, for when we come together for worship these summer days, keeping cool.

Even though it's summer and people are still on vacations and glorious weekends and resting up and enjoying the sun, we are also looking ahead with great anticipation to this fall at Living Waters. Like runners at a race, they're just waiting for those words, "Ready, set, go!" And off we go! That's the theme for this fall at Living Waters. We're looking forward with anticipation to all the things coming up, and here's a preview...

**Sundays**—We'll continue with one service at **9:00 a.m. in September**, and then after worship we are looking forward to inviting people to stay for **"Table Talk"** with a different topic each week. The younger children's education classes will meet on Sunday this year, **Pre-K through 3rd graders** will meet with the "Spark" Bible stories after the worship service, and parents are invited to stay for Table Talk, too.

**Wednesdays**—**Pizza** will be served once again, and then we will have **worship with communion** for any who would like to come this fall, all ages in the congregation. Then **4th through 9th grades** will meet for classes, with the theme, **"Ready, Set, Go!"** for the first couple months.

**Dinner Groups**—Something else coming in September will be dinner groups—all will be invited to sign up and meet for "progressive dinners" in homes with casual discussion and visiting. A **Gospel of Mark** devotional is being prepared by Calvary Connect, and we will be providing booklets to go along with it with some great conversation starters. This could be kind of a kick-off for existing groups and the formation of other small groups to come.

Those are just a few highlights to come as we step forward in faith and get ready for the "Ready, set, go!" as we follow Jesus.

In Christ,

Pastor Jake Dyrhaug



## Worship and Music Team

To help prepare our hearts and minds for worship, here are the songs we plan to sing in August. Feel free to listen on any device or YouTube to help you get familiar with the songs.

### **August 6 - Jesus Feeds the 5,000**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ," "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly," "That We May Be Filled" Worship and Praise, Handt Hanson, "How Great Thou Art"

### **August 13 Jesus Walks on Water**

"Wade in the Water," "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore," "Jesus Loves Me," "How Great Is Our God"

### **August 20 - Healing of the Canaanite Woman's Daughter**

"All Are Welcome," "In Christ There Is No East or West," "One Bread, One Body," "Make a Difference"

### **August 27 - Weeds amongst the wheat**

"We Have Come Into His House," "Built on a Rock," "Shall We Gather at the River," "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Upcoming in September: For Rally Sunday weekend, we are planning to have an outdoor service.

God Bless,

**Brad Giese**  
Worship and Music Liaison





Serve one another  
in love.

*Galatians 5:13*



## Outreach Team

Greetings from Living Waters Lutheran Church! This month has been about changes. Change can be hard, but it is how we grow as people and a church. This month, we are working on adding new programs and activities. We will be launching some of these this summer in time for our fall programming to start. This will be happening throughout our different teams. Be on the lookout for some exciting and new programming throughout our church. GOD IS GOOD!

God's Work, Our Hands is planned for early October. We will be having our Adopt-A-Highway clean-up and other activities to be announced in September. If you have a great idea for an event for this, please let me know. I am looking for some fresh new ideas ... ways we can engage and spread the work in our community.

The food shelf is running well with the support of the grants and support from our donations - both monetary and food itself. We are working on writing policies and instructions for how our food shelf is run. We sent surveys out to find out what our patrons like and dislike from the bags we give them. This will help us to give them what they need for supplementing their food for the week. This will also help us minimize our spending through Second Harvest Heartland as well. We hope to give them healthy meal options. We don't purchase junk food; we purchase items that can make healthy meals. Second Harvest provides a couple of fruit and veggies each time for free or very reduced. This week, it was apples and carrots. We are able to get both milk and eggs for free as well.

This winter I am planning to have more Outreach events within our community. One event for certain will be survival kits for the homeless. Items I am planning on putting in the kits are hygiene products, socks, hand and foot warmers, and stretchy gloves. I am also planning on seeing if our youth would like to make cards to put in the bags. Be on the lookout for collection bins starting in September.

God's peace,

**Leann Giese**

**Outreach Team Liaison**



# Worship at LWLC

Sunday Service

9:00 a.m.



# FALL Fest

Saturday,  
September 23

EVENTS START AT 8 A.M.

## NEW EVENTS!

### Plant sale

In addition to a bake sale and a rummage sale, there will be a plant sale this year! This is an opportunity for you to split your hostas and other plants.

Save  
your  
plants!

### Chili Contest

Sample some delicious chili and vote for your favorite!



### Bean Bag Tournament

Get a team together and compete for cash prizes!



## Plus...

- Craft & Vendor Fair
- Kids' Carnival with games & animals from the Pederson farm
- Bake Sale
- Rummage Sale
- Bingo
- Concessions
- Raffle

## WANTED!

Craft Beer  
Wine  
Chocolate  
Coffee

A new event at Fall Fest this year will be the barrel raffle. LWLC is seeking donations of craft beer, wine, chocolate, and coffee to give to winners of the raffle fundraiser. These items will be accepted until September 1. Thank you!



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# Upcoming Events

- \* **Card-Making/Coffee Group Meets:** Wednesday, August 2, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
- \* **Finance Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, August 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- \* **Celebrate MN Christian Music Festival:** Friday, August 11, and Saturday, August 12, at Whitney Park in St. Cloud.
- \* **Council Meeting:** Tuesday, August 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- \* **Spiritual Wellness Support Group Meeting:** Tuesday, August 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- \* **Social Justice For All God's Children Meeting:** Thursday, August 24, at 6 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- \* **H2O Youth Group Meets:** Wednesday, August 23. Meet at the church for pizza at 6 p.m. We will then carpool to SummerLand Fun Park in Sauk Rapids.

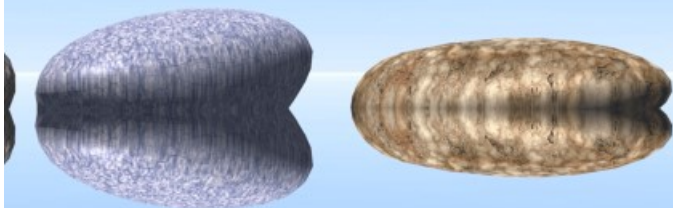


Open to adults seeking peer support with anxiety, depression and loneliness, this group provides an opportunity to walk with others in the Christian faith who are experiencing similar struggles.

## Spiritual Wellness Support Group

at Living Waters Lutheran Church

1911 4th Avenue North, Sauk Rapids, MN



**6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Fourth Tuesday of each month**

Expanded to  
coffee and  
casual  
conversation



Supplies  
provided

## Create. Celebrate. Comfort.

The Card-Making Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the church.

Not into card-making?  
That's okay! Just come and  
visit with friends!



# Servant Team Schedule

Team	Team Leader(s)	Last Name Starts With	Servant Months (first two)
Team 1	Tom & Cheri Satre	A through Cr	February 2023 and September 2023
Team 2	Teresa Szymanski	Cu through Gunderson, D	March 2023 and October 2023
Team 3	Jen Kiewel	Gunderson, J through Koskinen, D	April 2023 and November 2023
Team 4	Tim Wright	Koskinen, S through Moon	May 2023 and December 2023
Team 5	Bonnie Raduns	Moor through Rock, J	June 2023 and January 2024
Team 6	Terry Sylvester	Rock, K through Sz	July 2023 and February 2024
Team 7	Darryl Torrin	T through Z	August 2023 and March 2024

## SummerLand Adventure



H2O is the LWLC youth group for grades 8-12. The group meets one evening a month for pizza and activities.

**The next H2O gathering is Wednesday, August 23. We will meet at the church for pizza at 6:00 p.m., then carpool to SummerLand Fun Park in Sauk Rapids.**

Check Facebook and the weekly Splash Pad for updates about upcoming H2O events.

## Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

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



Monday

Closed

## Contact

Church Office Phone: 320-255-1135

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Pastor Jake's Cell Phone: 320-733-0257

Pastor Jake's Email: pastorjake@lwlcmmn.org

## Living Waters Lutheran Church Council

**John Fuls:** President

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**Bradley Giese:** Worship & Music

**Leann Giese:** Outreach

**Josh Rock:** Youth

**Tom Satre:** Congregational Life

**Aaron Sufka:** Inreach &

Personnel

**Brian Ulrich:** Finance

**DeNetta Wolbeck:** Education

*Council meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.*

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope**