



## CONNECT!

Living Waters Lutheran Church invites you to get connected! The Connect Survey will be handed out on February 4 during the annual meeting. If you do not attend that day, please email church@lwlcmmn.org or visit the church office before the return deadline of February 11.

The survey will help us define what group, activity or ministry you're interested in so that you can get connected with our church. Data will

be used to determine small groups at LWLC and develop a volunteer database. We will establish group leads and provide leads with a list of volunteers those leads can reach out to, if necessary and applicable.

The survey will also help LWLC promote various small groups that people can connect with. Groups will be promoted through brochures, Welcome Bags for visitors and our website.



## Wednesdays of Lent

**5:30 Soup Supper**

**6:30 Service**

**February 21 February 28**

**March 6 March 13**

**March 20 March 27**

## Lenten Movie Series Begins February 18

LWLC is launching a six-week Lenten movie series beginning February 18!

Every Sunday afternoon at 2:00, a Christian-based movie will be shown at the church. Discussion on the movie will take place the following Wednesday evening after the 6:30 Lenten service.

The movies that will be shown are:

Week 1: City Slickers

Week 2: The Bucket List

Week 3: Evan Almighty

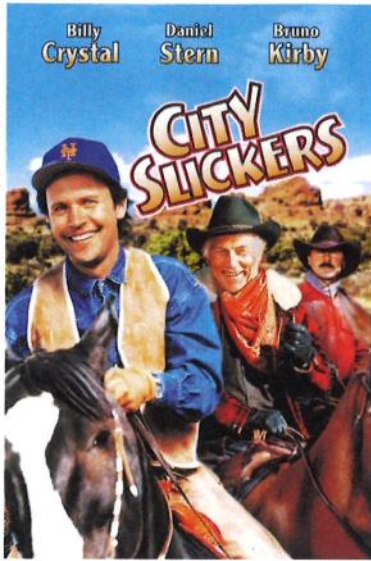
Week 4: Breakthrough

Week 5: Jesus Revolution

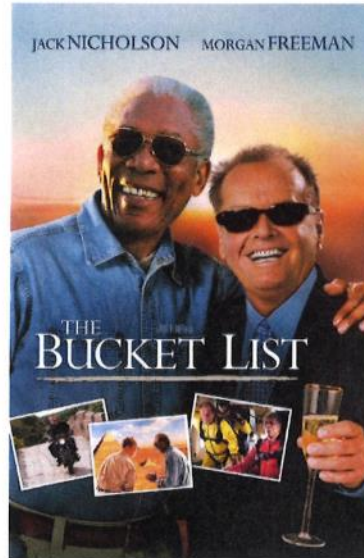
Week 6: The Apostle

*More information on page 2.*

**LWLC Movie Discussion Lineup**  
**Showtimes: Sunday @ 2:00 p.m. During Lent**



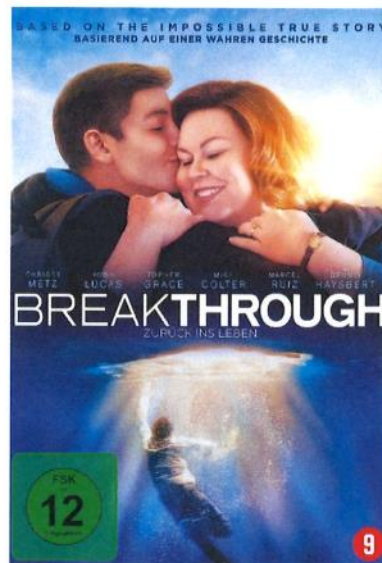
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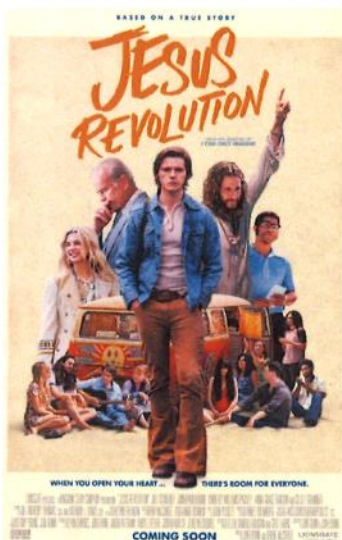
Week 2 - Discussing February 28th



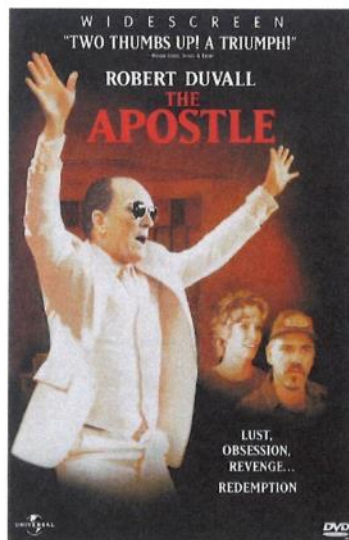
Week 3 - Discussing March 6th



Week 4 - Discussing March 13th



Week 5 - Discussing March 20th



Week 6 - Discussing March 27th



# GAME NIGHT

At Living Waters  
Lutheran Church

Join us for an evening of fun at Game Night as we play for fun prizes. Concession sales are a fundraiser for the youth trip to New Orleans this summer for the National Youth Gathering.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 | 6-8 P.M.**

**Bring a  
friend!**



Church Youth  
Selling Concessions



# February Events



- \* **Choir Practice:** February 1, 8 and 15 at 6:00 p.m.
- \* **Annual Meeting:** February 4 immediately following 9:00 worship
- \* **Sunday School (PreK-1st grade):** February 4 and 11 at 10:10 a.m.
- \* **Great River Conference Meeting (Zoom):** February 4 at 2:00 p.m.
- \* **Wednesday Youth Education (grades 2-9):** February 7— Pizza at 5:30 p.m., WOW Worship at 6:00 p.m., Class at 6:30 p.m.
- \* **WOW Worship:** February 7 at 6:00 p.m.
- \* **Table Talk:** February 11, 18 and 25 (speaker) at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship area
- \* **Game Night:** February 9 from 6-8 p.m. in the Life and Learning Center at the church
- \* **Ash Wednesday Service:** February 14 at 5:30 p.m. (No soup supper that evening)
- \* **Lenten Soup Suppers & Services:** February 21 and 28—Soup at 5:30, Service at 6:30
- \* **Marriage Encounter Weekend:** February 16-18 at the church
- \* **Free Movie Showings:** February 18 and 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the church
- \* **H2O Youth Group Movie Night:** February 22 at 6:30 p.m. *More details below*
- \* **Finance Committee Meeting:** February 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- \* **Church Council Meeting:** February 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope

## Guest Speaker Series

A Guest Speaker Series will begin on Sunday, February, 25, at 10:15 a.m. at the church. Ken Czech will speak about the Palestinian/Gaza Strip and Israeli conflict. A former SCSU history professor, Ken is a prolific writer and author of books. All are welcome to attend.

## Living Waters Choir

The Senior Choir will meet for practice on Thursday, February 8, and Thursday, February 15, at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The choir will sing during the Sunday service on February 11 at 9 a.m. and the Ash Wednesday service on February 14 at 5:30 p.m.



## Movie Night

H2O is our youth group for grades 9-12. The group meets one evening a month. The next H2O gathering is Thursday, February 22. We'll meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. for a movie night. Check Facebook and the weekly Splash Pad for updates about upcoming H2O events.

## Worship Assistant Sign-Up

Sign up to help at a Sunday service using the QR code below.



Sign up to help at a Wednesday WOW service using the QR code below.



# Sunday School Schedule —PreK through 1st Grade

**Sundays, 10:10 a.m. in the Life and Learning Center Classrooms**

The lessons this year for Sunday School will be based on Calvary Connect materials, “Everyday: Responsibility, Patience, Commitment” and the “Spark” Bibles. Please feel free to contact Pastor Jake with any questions.

February 4—Classroom

February 11—Classroom

*February 14 is Ash Wednesday. (No class during Lent.) March 31 is Easter Sunday, no class.*

April 7—Classroom

April 14—Classroom

April 21—Classroom

April 28—Classroom

May 5—Classroom

May 12—Classroom, Mother’s Day, End-of-Year Celebration

*Even though Prek-1st grade classes will be Sunday this year, we want to welcome everyone to pizza (\$1/slice) on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and to the W.O.W. Worship from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Parent volunteers needed to help pick up pizza, make lemonade, serve pizza and clean up. Please*

## Wednesday Education Schedule—2nd through 9th grades

**Pizza served at 5:30 (\$1/slice), W.O.W. Worship w/Communion at 6:00, Class from 6:30-7:15**

The theme this winter and spring will be “Everyday: Responsibility, Patience, Commitment.”

Remember to sign in each week in the points binders on the table, and keep track of your points on the attendance page.

Head to the sanctuary at 6:00 for “W.O.W.” Worship with Communion. The church service is part of Confirmation/Education. *\*Please, no food in the sanctuary.*

Then, class from 6:30-7:15.

*\*Skit and Kids’ Bell Choir practices will be after Sunday services leading up to Palm Sunday, for any who would like to be a part!*

February 7—All kids and parents/guardians for a Family Night

February 14—Ash Wednesday (All are encouraged to come for Lenten services, but no class during Lent.) *Easter is March 31 this year.*

April 10—All kids and parents/guardians for a Family Night

April 17—Classroom

April 24—Mentor Night, 7-9th graders. Invite your mentor to supper.

May 1—Classroom

May 8—End-of-Year Celebration

*Parent volunteers needed to help pick up pizza, make lemonade, serve pizza and clean up. Please contact Pastor Jake to volunteer!*

# Marriage Encounter Experience

February 16-18, 2024 At Living Waters

Living Waters will host a Marriage Encounter Experience the third weekend in February. The casual atmosphere of this experience will enhance the gift of putting your marriage first – giving you and your spouse the opportunity to enjoy this precious time together away from jobs, chores, and other responsibilities. You will learn unique, loving, and effective communication techniques during each session of this experience that will help you discover a new and more joyful way to experience your marriage relationship.

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MARRIAGE

To register, scan the QR code on the right or visit <https://godlovesmarriage.org/event/sauk-rapids-mn-marriage-encounter/>



## **INCLUDED IN YOUR EXPERIENCE**

All Friday evening to Sunday afternoon sessions at LWLC.

Two meals on Saturday (lunch and dinner), and one meal on Sunday (lunch) for you and your spouse.

All program materials used during your experience as well as access to marriage enrichment materials following your experience.

## **COST**

\$75 per couple for meals and program materials.

This payment is required at time of online application using your credit/debit card, or with registration and payment offline by check.

Financial assistance for the program cost is available for those in need – please contact us prior to applying.

Please note that your hotel/breakfast cost will be an additional cost that you will pay directly to your hotel and is separate from the program cost.

The cost is refundable if you cancel on or before February 12, 2024. Payments received and/or refund requests made after February 12, 2024 cannot be accommodated.

## **DEADLINE TO APPLY**

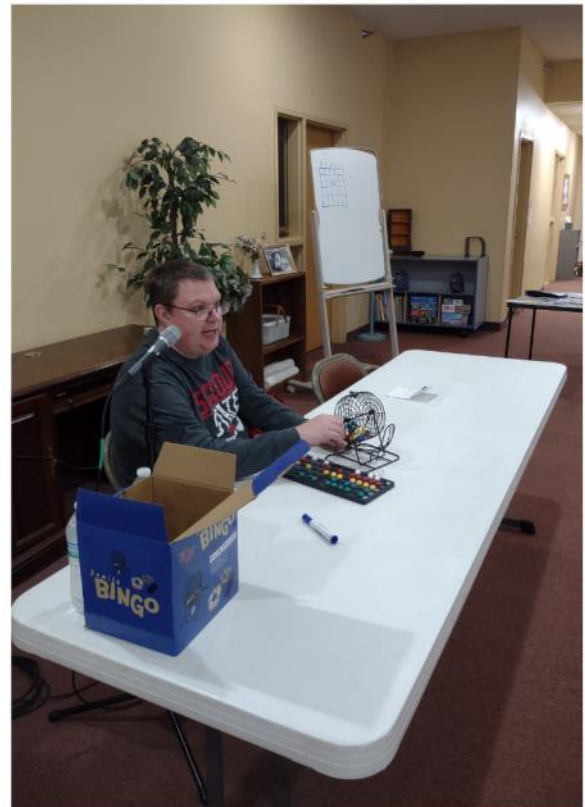
Deadline to apply is Monday, Feb. 12, 2024; however, space for this event is limited and may fill up sooner.



# Game

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# NIGHT



Thanks to everyone who braved the cold and wind for bingo in January! Organized by Brad and Leann Giese, Game Night raised money for the general fund and the upcoming youth trip to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering. The next Game Night will be Friday, February 9, from 6-8 p.m. at the church.



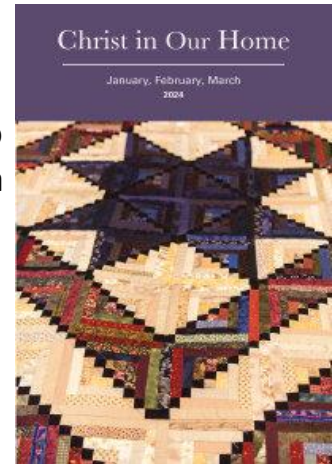
**Faith Education students from Living Waters participated in a Kids Fighting Hunger event on January 31 in Sauk Rapids. They packed 4,762 meals for the hungry. Way to go, LWLC youth!**





## ***CHRIST IN OUR HOME BOOKS AVAILABLE***

*Christ in Our Home* books are available at LWLC! *Christ in Our Home* is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. The books are available at the Welcome Center. Limit 1 book per family.



## **SMALL-GROUP NOTES**

The Spiritual Wellness Support Group has disbanded as of January 1 and will no longer be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Thank you to those who participated in this group. A special thank-you to group facilitator Russ Victorian.

The Mary's Mermaids small-group continues to be active at LWLC but will not be meeting for card-making for the time being. Watch for Mary's Mermaids updates in future newsletters and the weekly Splash Pad bulletin.

**Did your phone number, email address or mailing address change recently?  
If so, please let us know so we can update it in our member records system.**

**Call 320-255-1135 or email [church@lwlcmmn.org](mailto:church@lwlcmmn.org).**

## **Servant Team Schedule**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Team Leader(s)</b>	<b>Last Name Starts With</b>	<b>Servant Months (first two)</b>
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



## Journey of Stones



**Pastor Jake Dyrhaug**

For Lent this year we are giving up stones. People will talk about things they might give up for Lent, things which they know may not be good for them. This year, for the Lenten Wednesday services, I invite you to come along on a "Journey of Stones," and we'll bring those things which weigh us down to set them at the foot of the cross, where Jesus takes them away, that we may have our load lightened by not carrying them around anymore.

Each Wednesday for Lenten services, first we will hear faith stories once again from people of Living Waters--a very meaningful part of Lent in this community of faith.

And we will listen to God's Word together and reflect also on the "stones" we carry around in life—stones of rejection and hurt which weigh us down, stones we may contemplate tossing at

someone else, hearts of stone unwilling to let God's love in.

Each week we will place a stone at the foot of the cross—lay at the feet of our Savior all of those things which separate us from him. Along the way, we will confess our faith, contemplate the truth about ourselves and stand together at the foot of the cross and lay our stones—and our sins—down, and leave in wonder of how God is lightening our load.

We will together journey through Holy Week in March and together proclaim the resurrection, to announce together the Good News, "He is risen!" We will see how we'd laid our sins at the cross and now, behold! They'll be gone. The stone will be rolled away! Thanks be to God.

Come and walk this journey beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14th at the 5:30 p.m. service. The following weeks we'll gather for soup suppers at 5:30 p.m. and then worship at 6:30 p.m.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jake

## Outreach Team

"Where there is love, there is life."



As we enter February, I think of all the love we have in life. Love for family, love for friends, love of your life, and love we have for our God. I challenge people to think about the love in your life this month, and always.

This month we are planning a homeless drive. Think about how fortunate you are that you have your basic needs met. People in our community would love to have a warm place to sleep and a warm meal. These cold temps make me think about those people on the streets. The drive will start on February 1 and go through the entire month. It's sad to think of the need in our communities.

The food shelf has been going great. I feel so thankful to be working with such a great group of people. We are serving as many as 67 people a week. We thank you for your generous donations to keep this going. The need is not going down. Pastor Jake, Brian Ulrich, and I met recently with Celebration Lutheran Church in Sartell. We talked about the common mission we are supporting and how each of us can improve our programs. It was nice to hear that we are not alone. We will be having future meetings to discuss a possible partnership with our churches working together to help our communities. We would like to involve other churches and possibly the area town councils as well. We will be notifying you once we have a plan.

Thank you for a wonderful 2023. Next year will be even better as we grow in faith and engage within our church community.

Blessings,

**Leann Giese**

**Outreach Liaison**

## Council Meeting Minutes Attached

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

### Living Waters Lutheran Church Council

**John Fuls:** President

**DeNetta Wolbeck:**

Vice President

**Wayne Anderson:** Secretary

**Mary Soroko:** Treasurer

**AJ Wolbeck:** Youth Rep.

Liaisons:

**Bradley Giese:** Worship & Music

**Leann Giese:** Outreach

**Josh Rock:** Youth

**Tom Satre:** Congregational Life

**Brian Ulrich:** Finance

**DeNetta Wolbeck:** Education

*Council meetings typically are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend these meetings.*

**Next Council Meeting: February 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope**

Join us after the worship service!

# TABLE TALK



**February**  
**11th, 18th, 24th**  
**10:15 a.m.**

## 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](mailto: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 (e.g. mortgage, general fund, food shelf).



## Pastoral Care

At Living Waters, we seek to lead with heart by ministering God's grace and emulating Jesus' care and compassion for His people, especially those who are hurting. If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, a home or hospital visit, or other means of support, please get in touch with Pastor Jake Dyrhaug using the contact information below.

Church Office  
320.255.1135  
[church@lwlcmmn.org](mailto:church@lwlcmmn.org)



Pastor Jake  
320.733.0257  
[pastorjake@lwlcmmn.org](mailto:pastorjake@lwlcmmn.org)



Visit the church calendar at [www.lwlcmmn.org](http://www.lwlcmmn.org) for dates.

# Worship at LWLC

Sunday Service — 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Service — 6:00 p.m.

\*Wednesday service only on nights when there is youth education. See calendar.

## FOOD SHELF HOURS

**TUESDAYS**  
**10AM - NOON**



## 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

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## Living Waters Nursery

The Nursery is open during worship, but it is not staffed.

[Please stay with your child.](#)

