



LWLC Mission Statement

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



Happy New Year!



LWLC recreated the Christmas Story during three barn services on Dec. 24 at the Pederson farm.

Longstanding tradition makes comeback at Pederson farm

**Christmas
 Eve in a
 Barn 2022**



Pianist Jullian Euteneuer kisses a llama between barn services.

Annual meeting set for Sunday, February 5

Living Waters will have its annual meeting on Sunday, February 5. The time of the meeting is yet to be determined. Business will include presentation of the 2023 proposed budget for congregational approval, electing LWLC Council members, electing Conference and Synod assembly delegates.



CHRISTMAS EVE



2022

In a Barn



Living Nativity



Presented on Dec. 10
at Coborn's parking lot
in downtown Sauk Rapids





THANK YOU!

2022 Living Nativity and Christmas Eve in a Barn Crew

Dalton Bauer, Brad Becker, Linda Becker, Denise Christie, Jackson Christie, Jeremy Christie, Lauren Christie, Teddy Christie, Pastor Jake Dyrhaug, Jullian Euteneuer, Brad Giese, Leann Giese, Dave Haack, Harper Heder, Shari Hinkemeyer, Mara Jahnke, Chris Kiewel, Cali Klaverkamp, Brian Kothman, Jill Kothman, Liz Kothman, J.P. Lage, Malina LeMay, Parker LeMay, Terry LeMay, Bryn Muehlbauer, Todd Muehlbauer, David Mumm, Laura Mumm, Barb Nelson, Bruce Neubauer, Elizabeth Pederson, Kelli Pederson, Liam Pederson, Dan Pederson, Ellarry Prentice, Amanda Protolipac, Paul Raduns, Blair Schrader, Jeremiah Shoutz, Kirsten Stiegel, Andy Stiegel, Darryl Torrin, Russ Victorian, Ryver Victorian, Tammy Victorian, Vienna Victorian, Dennis Wahl, Rhonda Wienel, DeNetta Wolbeck, Kurt Wolbeck, Brenda Wright, Tim Wright, Kurt Zimmerman.





Arranged and Presented by:
 Janet Anderson
 Wayne Anderson
 Lori Dingmann
 Pastor Jake Dyrhaug
 Stephani Dyrhaug
 Max Fortner
 Brad Giese
 Curt Gullickson
 Mara Jahnke
 Jen Kiewel
 Dennis Larson
 Kay Moon
 Paul Martinson
 Bryn Muehlbauer
 Todd Muehlbauer
 Aaron Sufka
 Tammy Victorian



Worship Assistants

Sign up to be a worship assistant in January using the link on the homepage of the church website (www.lwlcmmn.org). The link to SignUp Genius is also posted on LWLC's Facebook page.

You do not need to create an account to sign up, but you do need to provide an email address. You will receive an email reminding you what you signed up to do, and when.

Upcoming Events



- * **Finance Meeting:** Tuesday, Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m.
- * **Youth Education Starts:** Wednesday, Jan. 11, with pizza (\$1/slice) at 5:30 p.m. and group at 6:00 p.m.
- * **Choir Practice:** Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m.
- * **Church Council Meeting:** Tuesday, Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.
- * **Choir Practice:** Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.
- * **Choir Sings:** Sunday, Jan. 22, at both services
- * **NEW Spiritual Wellness Support Group:** Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m.
- * **Pizza and Movie Night for 9-12 Grades:** Wednesday, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m.
- * **Annual Meeting:** Sunday, Feb. 5. Time TBA.

To access the full calendar, go to www.lwlcmmn.org/calendar.

HEY 9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS!

Living Waters has a few opportunities for YOU to catch a break from the studies, round up your besties and have a dandy good and meaningful time.



H2O IS THE LIVING WATERS YOUTH GROUP FOR GRADES 9-12. WE'RE GOING TO MEET ONCE A MONTH AGAIN STARTING JANUARY, USUALLY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM. H2O OFFERS A REFRESHING BREAK FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL DOLDRUMS. IT ALL KICKS OFF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25th @ 7:30PM

Help us kick off a new season of H2O youth group with this fun-filled night of just hanging out, watching a movie and having some pizza.



Reminder: Only aluminum cans should be placed in the Cans for a Cause trailer at LWLC. No other recyclables are accepted.

Thanks for your support!

Living Waters Lutheran Church is hiring

Part-time

CUSTODIAN

No prior experience required.

Duties include cleaning, general set up of sanctuary and narthex, light maintenance

Written job description available upon request.



Apply online on [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com), or submit a resume to the church office.

Church Phone: 320-255-1135 Church Email: church@lwlcmmn.org

A New Thing



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

With January 1 we celebrate a new day, a new month, a new year. In Christ, God is doing a new thing through his people. We start with new hopes, new dreams and a promise of new life. In so many ways, we are so ready for a New Year. After a couple years of coping with a global pandemic, churches are rebuilding and restarting, as many things had to be put on hold or done online. But "We're back!" as I've heard several say, and it's so great for things to be coming along. But getting everything going again and launching new things comes with challenges. Things can't happen overnight, but we're not the first people to be journeying through a period of restart.



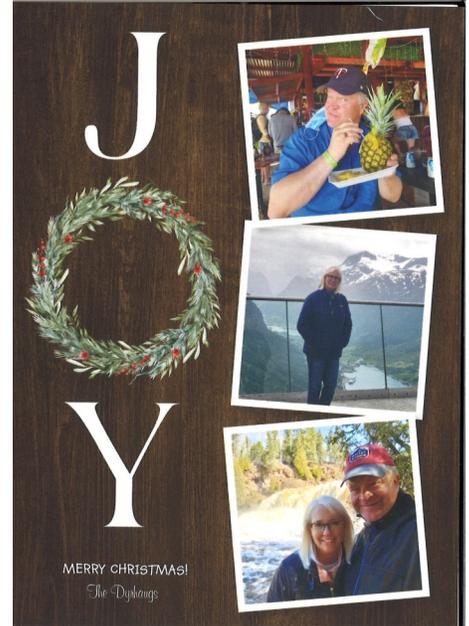
Stephani and I with our new granddaughter.

Author Linda Schaefer of Lincoln, Illinois, reflects on the verses from Isaiah 43:18-19, "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" At a recent Conference pastors' meeting, I heard someone compare our current times to the time the people of Jerusalem were allowed to return after being in exile in Babylon for over 50 years. In 587 B.C. an invading army had destroyed Jerusalem and led them to a far away place called Babylon and kept them there until King Cyrus of Persia allowed them to return. They came back and rebuilt the

city and the temple. It was a time of restarting. In the midst of this, Schaefer writes,

"In this text from Isaiah, the prophet has just reminded the people that the One who created and formed them, redeemed and summoned them by name, will be with them. It was not that the way would be easy; but God will walk it with them. Through waters and rivers, through fire and flames, the Holy One, the Savior will go with them into the new. Why? Because they were created for God's glory, formed to proclaim God's praise. God had done wonderful things for the people, led them out of slavery, given them a home, cared for their needs. But they served themselves rather than their creator. Now God promises a new thing. But before they can perceive the Savior, they must endure the exile. God is doing a new thing. It is happening even when they cannot see it. No bells and balls and lights. Just God causing the new to spring up where we least expect it."

That same promise is also for us. God urges us to not get stuck in the past, or to drag the old along into the new. In this coming New Year, don't miss the promise of God's "new thing" working in you in Christ because you're looking at the same old dark of night. In Jesus Christ, God has come. The old is gone and light shines in the dark!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Dyrhaugs!

Joy & Peace in this New Year,

Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

CORNER

Next Council Meeting: January 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month.

COUNCIL

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

Council Meeting Minutes Attached

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

Happy New Year!

While the new year begins, my term as president of council is coming to a close. What a term it has been with many changes including a new pastor and new staff. I am grateful to everyone for the words of encouragement and gratitude throughout my term.

We are on our feet and moving forward because of each of you, your willingness to step up and help out, and sharing your voice. I'll say it again...it takes a village, and Living Waters is an incredible village because of you! Thank you!

In Peace,

Blair Schrader
LWLC Council President





Choir News

After a successful Christmas Cantata, the LWLC Choir will reunite to sing at both the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday, Jan. 22. Choir practices this month are at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, and Thursday, Jan. 19, in the sanctuary.

Worship and Music Team

Happy New Year.

Wonderful job to everyone who sang in the cantata. We sounded awesome and received a nice round of applause.

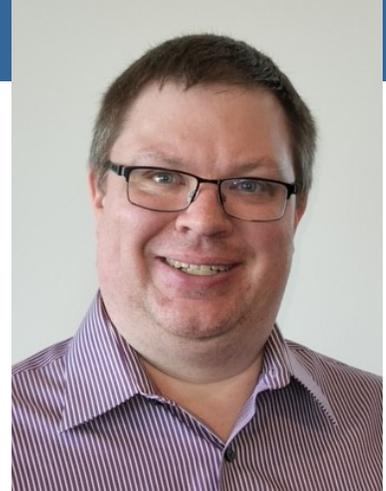
One more thank-you for making the comeback of Christmas Eve in the Barn a success even though it was just above 0 degrees.

We are still looking for assistance during worship for the month of January. Please go to the church's website and sign up using the SignUp Genius link.

Choir practice is Thursday, the 12th and Thursday, the 19th, with singing at both services on Sunday, the 22nd.

Peace and blessings.

Brad Giese
Worship and Music Liaison



Outreach Team

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I feel so blessed and thankful for the awesome activities we did within our community.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Living Nativity at Coborn's a success. We had a huge turnout for all three time slots. We look forward to making it even more successful next holiday season.

This spring we will be having a "Community Meal and Mic Night." This was part of a grant we received from the Southwest Minnesota Synod Endowment Fund. We will be forming a subcommittee to help with the planning. This event will be held at Living Waters and will be sponsored by multiple committees within our church and the community as well. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Leann Giese at (320)291-7148. We would like to see a committee of 6-8 people.

Thank you to all our volunteers who make our activities in all areas a success. Without you, we would not be able to make these events happen.

Blessings!

Leann Giese
Outreach Liaison



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

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fourth Tuesday of Each Month



Food Shelf Hours

TUESDAYS
10 a.m. - Noon



Pastoral Care

at Living Waters Lutheran Church

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.

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday

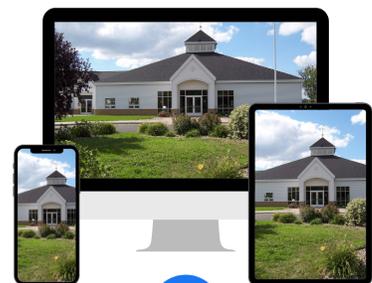
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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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.
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- Send contributions the old-fashioned way. **MAIL** checks via **USPS** to:
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