



### LWLC Mission Statement

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

**WELCOME TO  
PASTOR JAKE & STEPH  
DYRHAUG!**



We are super excited to welcome our new pastor and his family to Living Waters. Please make them feel at home by introducing yourself as well as wearing your nametag on Sundays.



The Dyrhaugs,  
from left to right:  
Ben (son),  
Pastor Jake,  
Kari (daughter),  
Steph (wife)

Summer

# Welcome aboard!

A hearty "Welcome back to the Living Waters staff!" to Chris Kiewel. Worshipers with a long history with Living Waters might remember when Chris served as our Mission Coordinator as Living Waters moved "from a box to a building."

Those who have joined more recently might recognize him as the person Patti was calling into the sound room to help troubleshoot issues with video, sound, or streaming. Or, they might know him as Jen's husband or Ben and Declan's dad.

Chris left the Living Waters staff in 2001 to accept a full-time Communications position with Bethlehem Lutheran in St Cloud that allowed him to worship with his family at Living Waters and continue to work in a church. Chris recently began serving in the new role of Church Technologist for Living Waters, assuming responsibility for streaming, projection, and sound for Sunday morning worship. This is a part-time position (10-15 hours/week) that allows him the flexibility to work evenings and Sunday mornings while continuing to serve on Bethlehem's staff full-time during the work week.

Chris is looking forward to growing the team that helps in the Sound Room each Sunday. His goal is to have enough trained volunteers in place that he can join Jen for worship in the sanctuary regularly. The technology that is in place now makes it easy to provide a high-quality live stream and on-site worship experience without overwhelming volunteers.

The new vMix system to record and stream worship services is easy to pick up with just a little bit of training and some hands-on time. Chris says, "For my generation, the camera controller is nostalgic, feeling like you are back in the arcade playing Ms. Pac-Man!" The only skills needed to staff the ProPresenter station (song and worship slide projection) are the ability to read quick enough to follow along with the songs and being able to press a key on the keyboard in sync with the music. Chris commented, "It's so easy Declan was running it by himself in fifth grade!"

Running the sound board just requires an ear for balanced sound and ability to adjust the correct faders to bring voices and instruments into a pleasing mix.

According to Chris, "The Sound Board could be the most intimidating piece of equipment in the Sound Room, but really all that's needed on Sunday mornings are some minor tweaks to a handful of channels."

If you'd like to learn more about joining the Sunday Morning Tech Team, stop in the Sound Room before or after worship or email Chris at [tech@lwcmn.org](mailto:tech@lwcmn.org).



Chris Kiewel and his wife, Jen.



*Ellarry*

I'm Ellarry, the new Office Coordinator for Living Waters. I'm so excited to be here and grateful for the opportunity to assist the team in serving the needs of the faith community.

Sauk Rapids has been my home for two years. Previously, I lived and worked in the Paynesville area before selling my home there. I grew up on a 60-acre farm northeast of Hawick, a tiny town between Paynesville and New London, and was raised in the Lutheran faith.

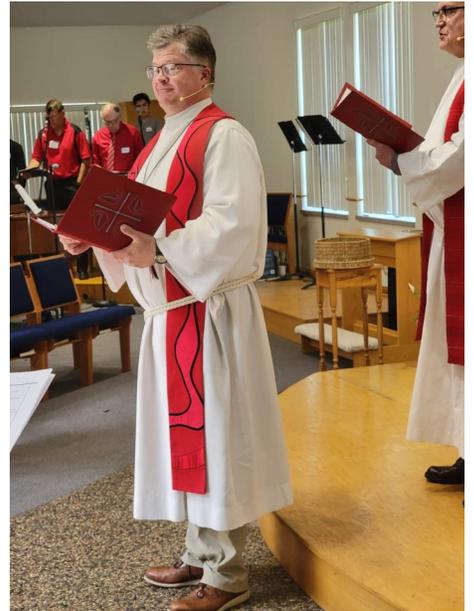
For the past 15 years, I worked as a reporter/editor and photographer for community newspapers across central Minnesota, including the Sauk Rapids Herald. Writing and photography are two of my greatest passions. I recently published a children's book and created a greeting card line in memory of my dad.

I have many fond memories from Zion-Irving Lutheran, a small country church my family attended. Members of the congregation were like family, welcoming me into their hearts and homes. In 2020, when I first entered Living Waters to interview food shelf volunteers for a newspaper article, I felt like I was back at my home church, surrounded by people who graciously served others and loved me wholeheartedly.

I look forward to meeting all of you and continuing to get acquainted with the inner workings of the church.

Blessings,

*Ellarry Prentice*



# Pastor Jake's installation

**June 5, 2022**



# CORNER

# COUNCIL

Next Council Meeting: July 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm  
(the third Tuesday of the month)

President:	Blair Schrader
Vice President:	John Fuls
Secretary:	Linda Agre
Treasurer:	Mary Soroko
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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

Hello everyone!

A short note this month to say thank you. Thank you for your patience as we have transitioned over the last year. Thank you for your support of everyone – pastors, council, staff, and volunteers – as we have transitioned over the past year. Thank you to those who have stepped up, helped out a bit extra, and met the challenges of such a transition. And thank you for your ongoing support of Living Waters as your church and as a community. We are thriving because of each of you. Thank you.

Peace,  
Blair Schrader  
LWLC Council President



## Worship and Music Team

Just for fun, in this 1992 movie, a lounge singer-turned nun for protection uses a few songs like I Will Follow Him, Hail Holy Mary, and My God (to the tune of 'My Guy') to help revitalize their church and bring people back in their doors. I think it would be cool if we could do that as well.

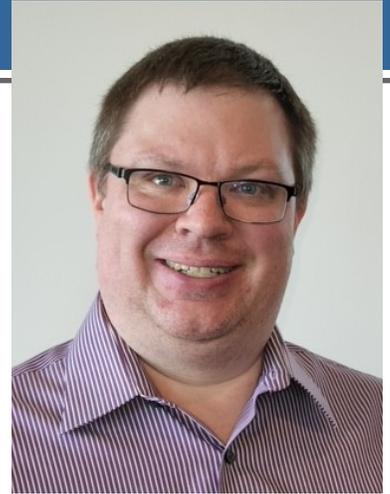
A big round of applause to the choir singing at Pastor Jake's installation. It sounded heavenly. Thank you, Janet, for orchestrating it.

I am in discussion with Pastor Jake about having some outdoor worship services. Pastor Jake has July worship songs lined up, but in the near future, we would like to assemble a selection team to map out the year ahead. Let us know if you would like to be part of this team.

Lastly, we are in discussion of expanding Sunday worship from one service back to two. It is to be determined when that will occur but strong probability in the fall.

Oh, Maria (Whoopi Goldberg) was the nun that spiced up the choir to sound amazing in the movie ... Sister Act.

Brad Giese



## Outreach Team

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer—a time for relaxing, vacations, and all the outdoor activities.

This last month has been pretty busy for the outreach team. As you already know, we have partnered with Second Harvest for our food shelf. It has been a great partnership so far, and we hope to continue it.

We got notification from Second Harvest that we were approved by the State of Minnesota as a TEFAP certified food shelf. This is a great opportunity for our patrons who use it each week.

These last couple weeks, we had our compliance specialist come to LWLC for a visit as well. He was very happy to see how we were doing and to answer any questions we had. We had a couple minor changes, but overall we were doing well.

We also decided to start a partnership with Kwik Trip for food rescue. This is a great opportunity for both our church and Kwik Trip. Twice a week starting on July 7th, we will be picking up food that would otherwise be thrown. I was able to get approval for a couple of items that were required from council this last Tuesday. This program saved over 40 million pounds of food last year alone.

We are always looking for more volunteers to expand our food shelf and community opportunities. If interested, please contact Leann Giese or Terry Sylvester. Have a great July!

Leann Giese



# Rivers of Living Waters



*"Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:38*



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

Near the rapids of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, the Sauk River and Mississippi River join — at the confluence of rivers, communities have formed for thousands of years where people meet. Jesus says in John 7:38 that "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." Abundance of life flowing from our hearts and lives — that's what Jesus gives us as he sends us out as his followers to "reach, teach and care for God's world."

**Great to be here!** As I've had the privilege of meeting so many of you this first month at Living Waters Lutheran Church, I can see why so many of you have said, "You're going to like it here, this is a great place with lots of great people!" Together as the Body of Christ in this community of faith, God is at work through this church as it is very clear. The story of Living Waters is one of great vision with an amazing story as a mission start congregation, and there are also new and exciting chapters beginning.

**Thank you!** Stephani and I just want to say a hearty "Thank you!" for the get-to-know-you events which have made us feel so welcome as we have come to Living Waters. The sweet rolls one of those first Sundays — oh my, how good are those! It fills our hearts with joy as people have been greeting us and making us feel so at home. As time goes on, we look forward to introducing our daughter, Kari and son, Ben when they visit. We really are enjoying being back in Minnesota. And it's great to see the lakes and trees again as well as all the smiles, laughter and friendship in this place. And all the music is an expression of the life and love around here — this church really sings! That's one of my favorite parts so far.

## A Few Details...

**Cell Phone:** Here is my cell phone number: 320-733-0257. Throughout the week I'll be at the church and checking my messages regularly, but please call anytime day or night if there are any emergencies and you need to reach a pastor right away. Monday is my day off, and it is the only day I will not always have my phone with me, but I will check messages.

Sometimes at the church office I'll be in meetings or attending to something and will not be able to take calls right away, but I will return calls at a time Ellarry, new Church Office Coordinator, will pass along each day during the week.

**Email:** [PastorJake@lwlcmn.org](mailto:PastorJake@lwlcmn.org)

**Office Hours:** Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Once in awhile I may need to attend a synod or community meeting during these hours, but in general this will be when I will plan to be in the office regularly.

**Visitation:** In the afternoons I'll often be out visiting at homes or at school and community events, senior care residences, at the hospital and other locations, unless there are matters I have to attend to longer at the church office on a given day. I'll be meeting regularly with the staff and Church Council to do our best to make sure pastoral care is provided where needed most.

Reflecting on the Living Water's mission statement, "As followers of Jesus, we seek to reach, teach and care for God's world as a welcoming and inclusive community", I can say this is indeed a great place with lots of great people who are filled by the Spirit with the living waters Jesus talked about, and we look to Jesus to keep filling our hearts with love and vision so they overflow for this world God so loves.

Your Servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jake Dyrhaug". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

# Volunteers help with parking at FOOD FEST



19 people volunteered to help park vehicles on June 25 at Sauk Rapids Food Fest in Municipal Park. Thank you to all who for their time and efforts. Living Waters Lutheran Church will receive payment for each volunteer provided.





# Living Waters Food Shelf Awarded Grant



The Living Waters Food Shelf has been awarded a \$5,000 general operating and capacity building grant from Second Harvest Heartland.

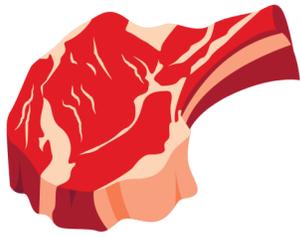
The grant funds will be used for food, marketing, and fundraising for the food shelf.



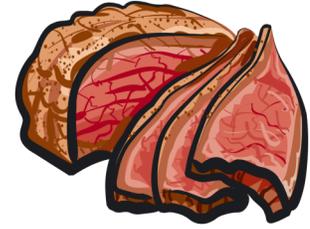
**Food shelf volunteers (from left) Leann Giese, Judy Stene, Bonnie Raduns, Yvonne Crandall, and Terry Sylvester.**

## **Lid Collection Ceases**

We are no longer collecting plastic lids. Please recycle these at home. Thanks for your past support.



# MEAT AUCTION



## **Supporting the Living Waters Foodshelf**

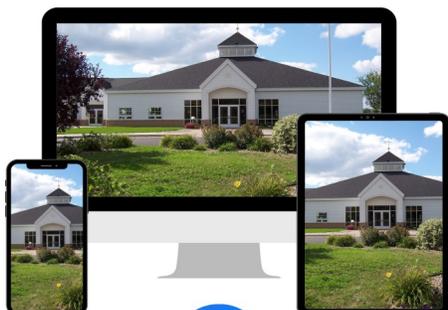
On Sunday, July 17th before and after the service there will be a meat auction at Living Waters as a fundraiser for the Foodshelf. This will be a silent auction where you can place your "bids" for steaks, roasts and briskets. We have a freezer-full that was purchased for the Foodshelf. The hamburger has been given away, and now we are carrying through with the original plan to auction off the other cuts of meat. Here is a perfect way to stock up for those summer barbecues and support the Living Waters Foodshelf at the same time!



**SUNDAY, JULY 17**  
**Before and after the service**

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## Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

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

Monday

Closed

 320-255-1135

 [church@lwlcmn.org](mailto:church@lwlcmn.org)

## FOOD SHELF HOURS

TUESDAYS  
10AM - NOON



# A NOTE FROM PASTOR ANN

To the people of Living Waters Lutheran Church,

I want to express my gratitude to all of you that supported me and Living Waters during the time of transition. I was honored to walk with you on your journey. Participation, volunteering, and sharing of your time, talents and resources were so important during the process. Many people shared their thoughts through the congregational survey that helped guide the process of discerning the qualities and gifts that were desirable in selecting a new pastor. These were all things that helped you move along in the transition process.



I'm looking forward to seeing what God has in store for all of you as you head into the future with new leadership. I pray that God blesses you as you bless others and share the gospel message.

A special word of thanks to all of you for your well wishes, too!

Blessings!

Pastor Ann

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

~Isaiah 43:19-21



**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
9:30 AM**

JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM VIA FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEOS

# Youth Education Update

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

LWLC is already planning for fall education, and we are looking for your input. We are putting together an education committee, and are looking for parents from all age groups to participate. Time commitment will be just a few hours throughout the year.

Please contact Kirsten at [stiegefamily@charter.net](mailto:stiegefamily@charter.net) or Pastor Jake.

Kirsten Steigel



## 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](mailto:church@lwlcmmn.org)

"Well done, good and faithful servant."  
~ Mathew 25:23

*Thank you*

**TO PASTOR WAYNE**

We greatly appreciate him stepping up to assist during the pastoral transition. He can now relax in his seat on Sunday mornings. 😊

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Click on the picture  
to access the  
church calendar or go to  
[www.lwlcmmn.org/calendar](http://www.lwlcmmn.org/calendar)

## Justice Committee on Pause

The Justice Committee for All God's Children is currently on pause. Meetings will resume in fall.

## Sunday Morning Fellowship Time is Back!

Join us for coffee, juice, and snacks on Sunday morning



This spring we will trial having fellowship time BEFORE and AFTER the service. Coffee will be on at 9:00am, come early!



To be successful, we need hosts!  
Please sign up to host a Sunday morning on the sign-up sheet on the serving counter in the kitchen.

**Due to staffing  
issues,  
the LWLC  
Nursery is  
closed until  
further notice.**

**Diaper-  
changing  
tables are  
located in the  
restrooms in  
the Life and  
Learning  
Center.**

**Contact  
Info**



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug  
(320) 733-0257

Ellarry — Church Office  
(320) 255-1135

**Local Church Offers Grief Support Group**

Westwood Church has a support group open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. The GriefShare group meets once a week at Westwood Church, 5719 Walnut Dr., St. Cloud. Attendance is free.

For more information, call 320-291-4994.

**CALLING ALL  
VOLUNTEERS!**

Vacation Bible Camp needs you. Sign up for a morning or afternoon shift Mon-Thurs of July 18-21.

Love on Kids and hang with cool people of all ages. Luther Crest is running VBC at Salem in St. Cloud.

Use QR code to visit the sign up page, or go to [saalemstcloud.org/serve/vacation-bible-camp-volunteers](http://saalemstcloud.org/serve/vacation-bible-camp-volunteers).



See you in July!



Let's do it

Yes, I'm in



Questions??? Contact Kirsten Stiegel:

[stiegelfamily@charter.net](mailto:stiegelfamily@charter.net)

## 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 (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](mailto: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.

# Registration is FREE to the first 10 kids who sign up.

Contact Kirsten at [stiegefamly@charter.net](mailto:stiegefamly@charter.net) with any questions or to volunteer!

**Salem & Living Waters Lutheran Churches**  
PARTNER TO BRING VACATION BIBLE CAMP TO THE YOUTH THIS YEAR



## VACATION BIBLE CAMP

July 18th-July 21st  
9:00-3:00 p.m.

Bible Study  
Arts & Crafts  
Songs & Games

### Things to know:

- Luther Crest Bible Camp Staff
- Biblically Focused Theme
- Lunch & Snacks Provided
- For Youth Completing K-6th Grade
- Scholarships available



Cost per camper of \$100 includes lunch and snacks.  
We need volunteers each



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](mailto:steven@luminstcloud.com), or check out our website, [www.luminstcloud.com](http://www.luminstcloud.com)

The Augsburg Youth Theology Institute (AYTI) is for youth who have completed 9th-12th grade and are interested in theology and leadership. And it is happening again this summer! In the words of a 2021 participant:

*"I saw God in the reflection time with others  
and in the community we built."*

The Augsburg Youth Theology Institute (AYTI) is a week long, residential program for high school students who want to dive deeper into their faith and build their strengths as leaders to apply back in their congregations and communities. Participants get to work with professors, college student mentors, and peers alike as they learn, pray, serve, and play together throughout the week! And we will be back in person in summer 2022!

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER 2022

Sunday, June 26th - Friday, July 1st, 2022

In-person, on-campus experience!

**Check out this year's theme & instructors!**

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Are there 1-2 high school youth in your congregation that would benefit from this week of learning in a college environment while deepening their faith?

**Nominations are open**, so the sooner you reach out to students, the better!

**Nominate today!**



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Do you have any questions? Don't hesitate to reach out, we are always here to help!