

H2O Youth Group Visits Quarry Park

Six teens from H2O, the senior-high youth group at Living Waters, visited Quarry Park on June 21. Accompanied by Pastor Jake Dyrhaug and adult chaperones Jon Meinke, Brad Giese, and Leann Giese, H2O youth enjoyed pizza followed by a devotion and swimming and diving at the quarries in Waite Park.

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Make Waves
Vacation Bible School!
 All are welcome!

JULY 23, 24, & 25
6:00 - 7:45 P.M.
 LIVING WATERS
 LUTHERAN CHURCH

MUSIC | GAMES | CRAFTS | SNACKS | SKITS
 \$20 PER FAMILY

Catch the Wave... Register for VBS!

If you throw a pebble into water, what happens? Waves form! And they spread across the water. What if God made you to make waves that could spread across the world around you?

That will be the message of Vacation Bible School at Living Waters Lutheran Church this month. Through games, crafts, songs and other fun beach-themed activities, we'll learn how we are all made in God's image for a purpose—to follow Jesus, to trust Jesus, to love others, to change the world around us... to make waves!

There's still plenty of time to register your family for this fun event July 23, 24, and 25 at LWLC. Registration is just \$20 for the whole family and scholarships are available. The program runs from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. each evening. Register by filling out the form on the next page emailing it to church@lwlcmmn.org, or by calling 320-255-1135.

Youth Volunteers Wanted For VBS!

LWLC is looking for youth to help with activities at Vacation Bible School on July 23, 24, and 25. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation students to earn points. Email church@lwlcmmn.org or call 320-255-1135 if you'd like to be involved with this fun event!

Living Waters Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 23, Monday, July 24, & Tuesday, July 25
6:00 - 7:45 p.m.



Age 0 – Just Completed 6th Grade
PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO STAY!

Fee is \$20 per family.

Please fill out one form per family.

Make checks payable to Living Waters Lutheran Church.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

* Please note: We want all kids to be able to participate in VBS!

If you need a partial or full scholarship, please designate the amount needed here: \$ _____

| <u>Child's Name</u> | <u>Age/Grade Completed</u> | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| _____ | _____ 1 st child | \$20 |
| _____ | _____ 2 nd child | No fee |
| _____ | _____ 3 rd child | No fee |
| _____ | _____ 4 th child | No fee |

AMOUNT PAID: (Total from above, less any scholarship): \$ _____

Check _____ Cash _____

Allergies/Medical Concerns (Please specify which child): _____

I give my permission to Living Waters Lutheran Church to take whatever emergency measures (first aid, disaster evacuation, emergency transportation, etc.) that are judged necessary for the care and protection of my child while under the supervision of the church.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Consider being a VBS volunteer! Mark the area where you can help.

___ Games ___ Music ___ Crafts ___ Snacks ___ Decorating ___ Teaching



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 320-255-1135



2023 Fall Fest Events

Rummage Sale

Craft & Vendor Fair

Bake Sale

Concessions

Bean Bag Tournament

Music

Chili Contest

Bingo

Kids' Games

Raffle

Rummage Sale Donations

Please save your rummage items for Fall Fest on Saturday, September 23. LWLC will be collecting donations of housewares, lawn and garden tools, clothing, and other household items. Items must be in working condition, clean, and laundered; no junk. A donation drop-off date will be announced soon for early September. Proceeds from the rummage sale and all other Fall Fest events support the church.

MORE FALL FEST INFO ON NEXT PAGE >>>

SAVE THE DATE

FALL FEST is Saturday, September 23, 2023

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

By DeNetta Wolbeck, Fall Fest Chairperson

Are you asking, *How can I help?* The list is endless...

Help us spread the word. Tell your neighbors, friends, family and co-workers!

Donations: We are looking for tax-deductible charitable contributions from those willing to sponsor and/or make a donation to help offset the cost of the event and/or prizes. Monetary contributions, candy and items for kids' games/prizes, and gift cards (\$10.00 value) for Bingo prizes are what we are in need of. **Ask your employer or a business owner you know if they are willing to be a sponsor and/or donate gift cards in \$10 increments.**

Rummage Sale: Donations will be accepted for all sizes of clothing that is gently used, clean and laundered, sports equipment, household misc., tools, books, toys, etc. In the past, this has been a huge fundraiser for the church, and we need your "stuff"!

The drop-off dates are tentatively scheduled for September 17-21, with times to be decided. Volunteers are needed Thursday, September 21, and Friday, September 22, to help set up and organize for the Rummage Sale, and volunteers are needed the day of the sale, September 23. *This will be run as a "free-will offering," so no tagging, just organizing the donated items!

Do you have a favorite beverage? Would you like others to enjoy your favorite? We will be accepting donations for 3 specific themes for the Raffle: Wagon of Wine, Barrel of Craft Beer and a Crate of Coffee & Chocolate. Please drop off any donations at the church office and note what the donation is for and if you will need a letter for the tax-deductible donation.

Bake Sale: Looking for all of our Fabulous Bakers to donate sweet treats to be sold on

September 23! We will accept baked goods on September 22 at the church. Please list the item and ingredient list. Items will be priced accordingly for the sale.

Concessions: Volunteers needed to work various shifts and sell items.

Kids' Games: Volunteers needed to assist with tickets, face painting, games, prizes, etc.

BINGO!: Volunteers needed and players needed the day of Fall Fest!

Vendor/Craft Fair: Register to have a table and sell your craft items! Like to shop? Plan ahead for some shopping and get a head start on your Christmas list!

Music: Enjoy the live music and sing along!

Volunteer: We need many volunteers to make this happen! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office. Volunteers are needed for many areas before the event and the day of the event. Youth volunteers can earn confirmation points!

Chili Contest: Enter your best chili recipe and compete for a prize! We will need big appetites and chili tasters to vote the day of the event!

Bean Bag Tournament: Register a team and participate in the tournament! There will be cash prizes and bragging rights!

Save the Date and be here to enjoy some good old-fashioned fun and games with your church family as we invite the Sauk Rapids community to this fundraising event.

Please drop off any of the items you wish to donate at the church office.

Say Yes to Fall Fest and Get Engaged!

*A huge thank-you to all who have stepped up to lead and volunteer for this event already. You are appreciated!

CELEBRATE
MN
with Mike Silva

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
AUGUST 11 - 12
 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM | 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

WHITNEY PARK
 ST. CLOUD, MN

**MUSIC, FUN &
 MESSAGE OF HOPE**



CELEBRATEMN.ORG

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 11th & 12th. 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 or open the QR code on the posters in the narthex.



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

LIVE MUSIC +



Action Sports
 Motocross, BMX
 & skateboarding



Car Show
 Motorcycles, muscle
 cars & more



KidsFest
 Inflatables, games
 & performers

**Nationally-Known
 Performing Artists**



**CHRIS
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SATURDAY



SWITCHFOOT
FRIDAY

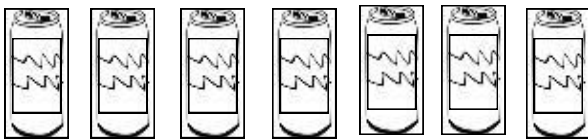


ZACH WILLIAMS
FRIDAY



LWLC VOLUNTEERS PARK VEHICLES AT FOOD FEST

Fifteen people from Living Waters volunteered to park vehicles at Food Fest in Sauk Rapids on Saturday, June 24. Our church will receive payment for the total number of hours worked. Thanks to all!



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.

Thanks for your support!

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.

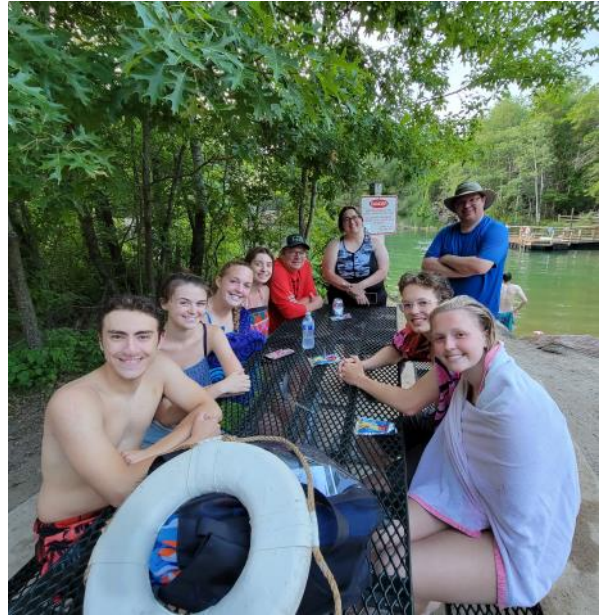


Living Waters Lutheran Church

Summer Worship
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.



Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend



**H2O YOUTH
GROUP AT
QUARRY PARK**



Summertime Happenings!



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

Summertime is a good time to get together with friends and family whenever you can to enjoy the warm weather, maybe even some days on the lake or river. It's also a great time to connect at church! There are several highlights coming up. Here are just a few...

VBS, "Make Waves," July 23-26 — Vacation Bible School is one of my earliest childhood memories at church. The Bible stories, the snacks, the crafts, the songs. Oh, what a great time! And all the while learning about God and that "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." We've got a great group coming together for VBS at Living Waters this summer. Call if you need more info. Spread the word! We'll meet Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, July 23-26 as we discover how God helps us to make waves that can spread across the world around us. Call the church office or see our website and Facebook page for more info!

H2O Skating Place, July 27th, 6:00 p.m. — H2O youth group this summer is for youth at Living Waters who have just completed grades 8-12. Last month we had a blast at the Quarries swimming and talking about Jesus, our Lifesaver, and enjoying that finest of cuisines, pizza! For the next event, we will be heading to the Skatin' Place for some roller skating. Meet at church, bring \$10, and keep on rollin'!

Celebrate Minnesota, August 11 and 12 — Churches in the St. Cloud area are working together to throw a great party called, "Celebrate Minnesota," and the big event is almost here.

Hear awesome contemporary Christian bands. Listen to world-renown speaker, Mike Silva. Come together with Christ followers of many backgrounds as we praise God in song, enjoy the great company of thousands and tell people about Jesus together. There will be visitors who Living Waters will be assigned to follow up with, as some will have heard the gospel for the first time, and they will be connecting them with many congregations in our area. Let me know if you'd like to help out with the Living Waters and Atonement team helping out with this big event.

Small Groups — As one of the main areas of focus for the coming year, the Living Waters Church Council has decided on small groups! We really want to support the current small groups already going for years, and we want to invite creative thought for formation of new small groups. A small group is basically a group of maybe 5-10 people in the church who come together regularly, just for fun sometimes, and also to support each other and grow in faith together. Some small groups may be service and outreach oriented, some are geared for learning or projects. They are great to connect visitors right away to the life of the congregation. Each small group should have a contact person. I'd like to challenge every person at Living Waters to be in a group! There will be events coming up this fall to help everyone get connected. Meanwhile, if you have an idea for a small group, jot it down here, take a picture of it and email it to us at church@lwlcmmn.org.

In Christ,

Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

Outreach Team

Happy July from the Outreach team! I hope everyone is enjoying your summer. Lots of fun activities planned with both family and friends.

Yvonne Crandall has been selling her famous strawberry-rhubarb pies after services. They are so good. The funds she has made are going to the food shelf. Thank you, Yvonne!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Food Fest parking. We had over 16 volunteers. We lucked out with not much rain. The next couple events for the outreach team will be God's Work, Our Hands and the Black Friday Food Drive. We are planning other events within the community in the future. Stayed tuned for more info to follow.

Love In Christ,

Leann Giese
Outreach Liaison



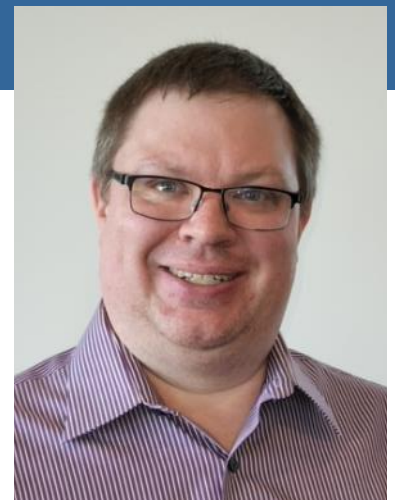
Worship and Music Team

Greetings from the Music and Worship team. Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped make our worship time run smoothly. I am looking to start a email chain to help us schedule volunteers to help change the worship space over for the seasons. That way, we don't have to find people to help last-minute. Thanks to the volunteers who have helped with this task in the past and present.

This fall, we are planning an outdoor service. We are planning on doing this the same weekend as Fall Fest. If interested in singing for the outdoor service, please contact Brad Giese or Janet Anderson.

God's Blessings,

Brad Giese
Worship and Music Liaison



Living Waters Lutheran Church Council

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Personnel

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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

Upcoming Events

- * **Card-Making Group Meets:** Wednesday, July 5, from 9:30 to noon
- * **Finance Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, July 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **Vacation Bible School Meeting:** Wednesday, July 12, at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary
- * **Council Meeting:** Tuesday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **Vacation Bible School:** July 23, 24, and 25 from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the church
- * **Spiritual Wellness Support Group Meeting:** Tuesday, July 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **Social Justice For All God's Children Meeting:** Thursday, July 27, at 6 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **H2O Youth Group Meets:** Thursday, July 27. Meet at the church at 6 p.m. The group will be going to the Skatin' Place for skating and pizza. Bring \$10.
- * **Baptism - Jase Henderson:** Sunday, July 30, during 9 a.m. service

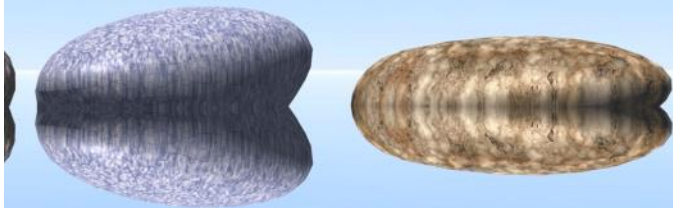


Open to adults seeking peer support with anxiety, depression and loneliness, this group provides an opportunity to walk with others in the Christian faith who are experiencing similar struggles.

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!



Skatin' Place 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 Thursday, July 27. We'll meet at the church at 6 p.m. and then go to the Skatin' Place in St. Cloud for skating and pizza. Please bring \$10.

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

Come join the fun!

VBS 2023



July 23, 24, & 25

Children 0 to just completed 6th grade are invited to Vacation Bible School at Living Waters Lutheran Church. The program will run from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, Monday, July 24, and Tuesday, July 25. Parents are encouraged to stay for this family event.

Registration is \$20 per family.

Scholarships are available!

**CRAFTS - SONGS - GAMES - SNACKS -
ACTIVITY STATIONS - VIDEO SLIDESHOWS**

Servant Team Schedule

The congregation was divided into the 7 teams alphabetically with the exception of a few trades that were requested. See the schedule below if you want to anticipate which months you will be serving. Here is the link to Sign Up Genius where you can sign up for positions: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eaaab2fabfd0-2023#/>

Here is the link to the job descriptions: <http://www.lwlcmmn.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-booklet-1.pdf>

Thank you everyone for making sure our services run smoothly!

| 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 |

Worship at LWLC

Sunday Service

9:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

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

Monday

Closed



Contact

Church Office Phone: 320-255-1135

Church Office Email: church@lwlcmn.org

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

Pastor Jake's Email: pastorjake@lwlcmn.org

FOOD SHELF HOURS

TUESDAYS 10AM - NOON

Closed Week of July 4



THANK YOU

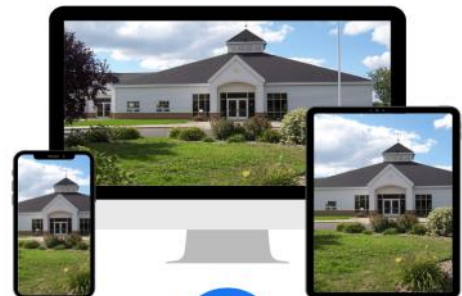
For your ongoing financial support.



- 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@lwlcmn.org.
- Send contributions the old-fashioned way. **MAIL** checks via **USPS** to:
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Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

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