




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

New Events and Favorite Traditions

 Living Waters Lutheran Church is buzzing with activity this spring. After many months of restrictions and shut-downs spurred by the pandemic, excitement abounds as members plan events that will bring people together in the spirit of fun and raise funds for our various ministries.

Two fun events are just around the corner: Music and Mic Night on Saturday, May 6, at 5 p.m., and a craft and bake sale and plant giveaway on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LWLC will also recognize high school graduates this month. Senior Recognition Sunday is May 21. Graduates will be recognized during morning worship and in a slideshow presentation. Cake will be served at 10 a.m. in the narthex.

Planning is in the works for Vacation Bible School, July 24-28, and for Fall Fest on September 23. See pages 5 and 7 for dates and times of planning meetings.



+ FREE SEEDLINGS AND POLLINATOR PLANTS!

Saturday, May 20
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Living Waters Lutheran Church

Be sure to check out the environmental tables with **FREE activities for kids and adults**, courtesy of Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District and Fairview Gardens.

1911 4th Avenue North, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



get groovy

Live music, too! Pastors Jake Dyrhaug and John Stiles will perform Eco Faith Tunes.



plant a tree

Evergreen tree & plant giveaways! Take them home to plant in your favorite spot.

It's Showtime!

Don't miss this festive food shelf fundraiser with a free taco bar, dinner music by Mel Hauck's band, and line-up of live "open music and mic" entertainment including Brad Giese with a "One Man Good Samaritan Story", Liam Pederson at the piano with "Buzzing Bee", the Men's Trio, Jen Kiewel's surprise number, a Country Music song by Greg Michael Huberty, a visit from "Vignar Borge", long-lost cousin of the Danish pianist and comedian, Victor Borge, a song by the man with the guitar and golden voice, Curt Gullickson, and The Timeless, Terrific and No Talent-Required Group with a grand finale! This will be a night of variety and great food!

Taco bar
and a
show!

MUSIC & MIC NIGHT

A fundraiser for the
Living Waters Food Shelf

FIESTA



MAY 6 AT 5 P.M.

MUSIC • FOOD • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

RSVP by calling 320-255-1135 or
emailing church@lwlcmmn.org

Free-will offering and non-perishable
food items will be collected

LIVING WATERS LUTHERAN CHURCH

1911 4TH AVENUE NORTH

SAUK RAPIDS

The Seeds of Faith



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

“April showers bring May flowers.” So the saying goes. April rain has now washed away the last of the snow, freshening up the earth. And as it happens every year, new green grass, leaves and shoots are appearing all over! Sayings like this sometimes remind me of Bible passages. One I just love is from Isaiah 55:10-11...

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

At a recent Living Waters Church Council Vision and Mission planning retreat, we began the

process of working on finding clarity on some strategies and goals in the next couple of years ahead—we’re talking about how our mission can be freshened up for a new day, with emphasis loud and clear on connecting people in community and growing in faith, knowing that they are loved by God, inspired to follow Jesus. We’re looking forward to renewed clarity of vision at Living Waters, and in encouraging the arrival of spring, things are springing up in life as we remember that God’s Word will accomplish great things.

As we move forward with confidence that God’s plans for Living Waters Lutheran Church are the reason we’ll grow, we can see new meaning in April showers and May flowers. We know that God has been at work in us from the start, planting and growing the seeds of faith in us, and as the Earth comes alive with the new life of spring, lives will continue to be transformed as the Word of God brings life to our spirits and God’s grace, power and peace to the world. Our faith grows while God continues to pour down love and grace upon us at Living Waters Lutheran Church!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

First Thursday of May

May 4th, 2023 11:30 Worship Noon-1pm Prayer

WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG
WWW.CELEBRATEMN.ORG

National Day of Prayer & Celebrate MN

Join this community-wide prayer time as we unite together and mobilize churches and community leaders to pray for our local, state and national Government—including Police, Fire & First Responders, our Churches, our Families, our Businesses, our Educators and Education of our young people, our Military, our Arts, Entertainment, Media and more.

Community Prayer event held on the
Stearns County Courthouse
South Steps (Dome Bldg)

CELEBRATE
MN

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Living Waters Lutheran Church Council

John Fuls: President

DeNetta Wolbeck:

Vice President

Wayne Anderson: Secretary

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Daniel Agre: Youth Rep.

Liaisons:

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, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope

First Quarter Financials

| General Fund Comparison | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------|--------|------|---------|--------|
| First Quarter of | 2023 | | 2022 | | Change |
| Revenues | \$ | 68,301 | \$ | 63,851 | 7% |
| Expenditures | \$ | 67,610 | \$ | 71,636 | -6% |
| Net Gain (Loss) | \$ | 691 | \$ | (7,785) | |
| Mortgage Giving | \$ | 11,914 | \$ | 10,104 | 18% |


SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

CLASS OF 2023

MAY 21

Graduates will be recognized during morning worship and featured in a slideshow presentation. Cake will be served at 10 a.m. in the narthex. Graduates will each receive a gift.





Say YES to Fall Fest!

We need YOU! Come join the fun of the Fall Fest Planning Committee!
We will meet Sunday, May 21st at 10:10 am in the Room of Hope.

Come Brainstorm ideas for a fun Church & Community Event. Since the closures of the pandemic, we are seeing a lot of "needs" and we are looking to raise funds for various church programs and projects.
(Youth & Education, Parking Lot, New Carpet, etc.)

Questions?

Please reach out to DeNetta Wolbeck
nedswolbeck@gmail.com



BAKED GOODS WANTED!



Donations of baked goods are appreciated for the bake sale on Saturday, May 20, in conjunction with the craft sale and plant giveaway event. Bake sale items will be sold for \$4 unless otherwise marked (e.g. pies and other higher-valued goodies). Please bring donations to the big kitchen.

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!



Stewards of God's *Earth*

Two-hundred evergreen seedlings were brought to LWLC in April. The seedlings were a gift from the Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District in observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 30-May 7. This year's national theme is "One Water."

The day of the delivery, Confirmation students planted 50 seedlings in small cups. The other 150 seedlings have been refrigerated and will be distributed at LWLC's Craft and Bake Sale and Plant Giveaway on Saturday, May 20, from 9-2. Thank you, Confirmands and Benton SWCD!

End of Year

CELEBRATION

FOR LWLC YOUTH

Living Waters' Spring Youth Education program kicked off April 12. Highlights of the semester were outdoor games and Mentor Night for grades 7-9. The end-of-year celebration is May 10. The theme is "Go, Make Disciples This Summer." Pizza (\$1 per slice) will be served at 5:30 and followed by a campfire and activities.



Upcoming Events

- * **Music and Mic Night:** Saturday, May 6, at 5 p.m.
- * **Finance Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **Youth Education End of the Year Celebration:** Wednesday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m. with a campfire and activities. Theme: “Go Make Disciples This Summer”
- * **Council Meeting:** Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **VBS Planning Meeting:** Wednesday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
- * **H2O Youth Group Meets:** Wednesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. in the Life & Learning Center
- * **LWLC Craft, Bake and Plant Sale:** Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the LLC
- * **Fall Fest Planning Meeting:** Sunday, May 21, at 10:10 a.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **Spiritual Wellness Support Group Meeting:** Tuesday, May 23, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **Social Justice For All God’s Children Meeting:** Thursday, May 25, at 6 p.m. in the Room of Hope



Summer is just around the corner! A highlight for kids in the summer-time is VBS. Living Waters will have a **Vacation Bible School interest planning meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.** Please consider joining us!

As of now, VBS is tentatively scheduled for July 24-28, 2023 at LWLC.

Senior High Youth Group



H2O is the LWLC youth group for grades 9-12. The groups meets one Wednesday a month for pizza, games and other activities.

The next H2O gathering is Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. Youth will have “Nerf Wars” and pizza.

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



GET PAID TO HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER!

- COMPETITIVE PAY STARTING AT \$400/WEEK
- FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE
- SMALL LAKE TOWN MINNESOTA EXPERIENCE
- ROOM & MEALS INCLUDED

Luther Crest is
NOW HIRING!

www.luthercrest.org

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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.lwlcmm.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-booklet-1.pdf>

Thank you everyone for making sure our services run smoothly!

Tom Satre

| 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 |



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
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Fourth Tuesday of Each Month

at Living Waters Lutheran Church

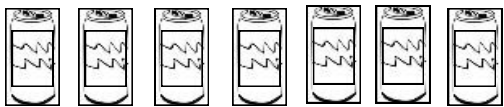
THANK YOU, VOLUNTEER PAINTERS!



In early April, a crew from LWLC painted the interior of the house next door which Lutheran Social Services rents for its Youth Resiliency Program. Rooms and ceiling on the main level were painted white per a new lease agreement between LWLC and LSS.

THE CREW

**Gary & Judy
Germundson
Shari Hinkemeyer
Declan Kiewel
J.P. Lage
Terry LeMay
Paul & Bonnie Raduns
Aaron Sufka
Kurt Zimmerman**



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!

Community Bluegrass Worship followed by



The Lutheran Campus ministry of St Cloud invites the community to a worship to welcome the summer!

Bring your toe-tapping shoes, singing voice, lawn chair/blanket, some good friends and bicycle (or other wheeled item)

Lake George Park, St. Cloud

May 21st : 4:30 pm

Check us out for more info

www.LuMinStCloud.com

Email: info@LuMinstcloud.com

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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.

EASTER



SUNDAY

2023



2023 Summer Camp Schedule

Register for camp
at luthercrest.org

| | ELEMENTARY | JR/SR HIGH | INTERGEN |
|-----------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| JUNE 18-23 | | Keeper Training (10-12gr) *Application Required | |
| JUNE 25-30 | OnSite Day Camp (K-5gr) Leapers (3-6gr) | Witnesses (6-9gr) Blazers (9-12gr) | Women's Week |
| JULY 14-16 WEEKEND | | | Family & All People Camp |
| JULY 16-21 | Explorers (K-2gr) Seekers (2-4gr) Leapers (3-6gr) | Witnesses (6-9gr) Blazers (9-12gr) | Magi |
| JULY 23-28 | OnSite Day Camp (K-5gr) Explorers (K-2gr) Seekers (2-4gr) Leapers (3-6gr) | Witnesses (6-9gr) Blazers (9-12gr) | Magi |
| JULY 28-30 WEEKEND | | | Family & All People Camp |
| JULY 30-AUG 4 | Leapers (3-6gr) | Witnesses (6-9gr) Blazers (9-12gr) | Magi Family & All People Camp |
| AUGUST 6-11 | OnSite Day Camp (K-5gr) Leapers (3-6gr) | Witnesses (6-9gr) Blazers (9-12gr) | Magi Family & All People Camp |

THE MISSION OF LUTHER CREST IS TO INSPIRE FAITH,
COMMUNITY, AND STEWARDSHIP IN GOD'S CREATION.

Worship at LWLC

Sunday Services @
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours

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

Monday
Closed



Contact

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

Pastor Jake's Email: pastorjake@lwlcmn.org

**FOOD SHELF
HOURS**

**TUESDAYS
10AM - NOON**



THANK YOU

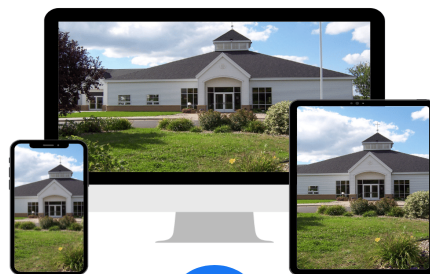
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- Set up BILL PAY through your bank or credit union. It is free. Contributions will be sent to the church on YOUR schedule.
- Send money through PAYPAL. To avoid paying a fee, make sure to select that you are sending money to a friend. Send to church@lwlcmn.org.
- Send contributions the old-fashioned way. MAIL checks via USPS to:
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