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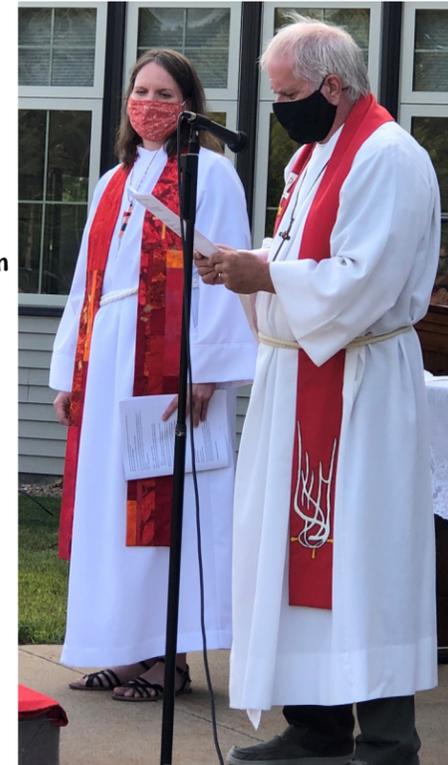
I just wanted to thank you for the Advent stole you're giving me as an ordination gift. That will be very special, and I'll look forward to wearing it because it will remind me of all of you!

Thank you again to the LWLC crew who participated in my ordination day...Todd for providing the message and accompaniment, Denise and Patti for helping lead worship, and Jen Kiewel and Christin Johnson for singing. It meant a lot to have you all there with me.



Love and blessings to you all...Keep in touch!

"Former Intern" Sarah



*Confirmation Class of 2020*



# MOVE OVER QVC!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A LIVE-STREAM AUCTION!**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 at 7PM**

**LIVING WATERS FACEBOOK PAGE**

In lieu of our annual Fall Fest this year, Living Waters will be holding a live-stream auction on our Facebook page, **MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 7pm**. We will be auctioning off various "silent auction-type" baskets offering a variety of themes or services.

You'll be able to check out the "baskets" being auctioned off for a week before the *live-stream auction!* Starting Monday, October 19, we will post a picture and description of each auction item on the Living Waters *WEBSITE*. You will also find a link to that posting on our Facebook page. Each item will feature a suggested *starting bid*.

On auction night, go to the Living Waters Facebook page and watch the live stream auction action! See something you want to bid on? Just place your bid as a *COMMENT*. Each item will be given 2 minutes of bidding time, and at the end of the 2 minutes, the highest bid wins!

Don't have Facebook? No worries! Let the church office know the item(s) on which you want to place bids and we'll submit those bids for you!



*Just THINK of the treasures that await you!*

## We are looking for BASKET DONATIONS!

1. What kind of baskets are we looking for?

**ANYTHING!** It can be...

\*a theme basket, like "movie night" with DVDs and popcorn, a "Pandemic survival kit" *(be sure to include masks AND a bottle of wine!)* a relaxation theme with essential oils, lap blanket and music, or any theme you can think of!

\*services you can offer someone such as a raked lawn, a car oil change, a delivered four course meal, etc.

\*something of value you would have wanted to donate to our rummage sale such as a classic rocking chair, a never-been-used blender, a jet ski *(we should be so lucky!)* ...you get the point!

Just drop your "BASKET" off at the church by **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

It doesn't have to be in a basket. It doesn't need to be wrapped all nicely with a bow. Just drop it off along with what *YOU* think should be the starting bid.

# TABLE TALK

In this season of COVID, the TABLE TALK format will be shifted to a once-a-month zoom. TABLE TALK will continue to be focused on various themes, each session centering around its own unique theme. Please join us, *VIA ZOOM*, at 6pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

**THIS MONTH, OCTOBER 11 AT 6PM**

## **HOW DO YOU HEAR GOD'S VOICE IN YOUR LIFE?**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87962316029?pwd=WWp2ZzJ4cGFDZ0plTEkzdFYlQ1R4UT09>

Meeting ID: 879 6231 6029

Passcode: 082450

### **4-6th graders Community Building Activity:**

For one of our Wednesday nights, 4-6th graders did a sidewalk chalk competition! There was some great art created and new friendships made!



### **8th graders packaging food at Kids Fighting Hunger:**

Our 8th graders were able to package food for people across the globe who are suffering food shortages. Sixteen students packaged 3,024 meals together. Thank you to all who participated!

**A big THANK YOU to our Wednesday night teachers and home huddle leaders this year...** Greg Klinefelter, Kirsten Stiegel, Alicia Mages, Londa Wagner, Jody Henkemeyer, Jessica Ostman, Sara Underhill, Brenda Konietzko, Jen Bomstad, and Jen Hansen!

**Thank you to Lori Dingmann for leading our 4-9th graders in stretching and meditation this year!** Each class experiences 15 minutes of rest and relaxation on Wednesdays, led by Lori, as a way of getting in touch with God and the peace that comes from God during these crazy times.

**7th Graders at Kids Fighting Hunger Oct 7th!** 7th graders will meet at the KFH warehouse from 6:15 to 7:15 pm on Wednesday, October 7th to package food for people in need around the world. Parent helpers needed! Email Denise if you can help! Thank you!

**9th graders have a "Trek" night at the church on Oct 7 from 6:15 to 7:15.**

**NO Wednesday night ministries on October 14, due to MEA.**



# Sunday, October 11

## God's Work Our Hands

Join us as, together, we put our faith into action and make a difference in our community!

### THERE ARE 2 WAYS TO BE INVOLVED THIS YEAR!

## DO

**SIGN UP TO HELP WITH ONE OF THREE PROJECTS!**

**ROAD CLEAN UP CREW...** We are looking for up to 18 people to help in cleaning a stretch of County Rd 4. Meet at Living Waters at 11:45am. Bring gloves. Reflective vests will be supplied.

**KIDS FIGHTING HUNGER...** We are looking for up to 20 people to help package meals for people in communities worldwide where crisis has struck. Those participating must be 12 or older. Meet at 11 Industrial Blvd., Sauk Rapids at 11:45am.

**FOODSHELF WORK...** We are looking for up to 6 people to help organize and stock our food shelf as donations are dropped off.

**Interested in DOING any of these projects?**

**Sign up by calling or emailing the church office.**

320 255 1135

patti@lwlcmn.org

## DROP OFF

**DROP OFF ITEMS FOR OUR FOOD SHELF AND/OR PLEASANTVIEW NEEDS!**

**DONATE A BAG-OF-BASICS**  
*(what we typically give to those who come to our food shelf)*

- instant oatmeal or cereal
- soups
- canned meat
- canned vegetables
- mac n cheese
- instant potatoes or rice
- pasta
- spaghetti sauce
- peanut butter
- laundry soap
- toilet paper
- soap
- hamburger
- milk
- eggs
- butter
- cheese
- bread

**...or donate any of the above items.**

**DONATE TO PLEASANTVIEW ELEMENTARY**

*(supporting the needs of our neighborhood school)*

- bleach wipes
- hand sanitizer
- sweat pants  
*children's sizes 6-14*
- kids socks
- kids underwear

**PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS IN THE OUTDOOR MARKED BINS AT THE CHURCH BETWEEN 8AM AND NOON ON SUNDAY, COTOBER 11.**

Dear Living Waters members and friends,

We want you to be aware that, because we are unable to count on our usual income from FALL FEST and our LUTEFISK DINNER this year due to COVID, we are *very concerned* about our ability to meet financial obligations as we continue to make our way through the fall season and finish out the year. As a finance team, church council and staff, we are brainstorming ways to do what we can to avoid this shortfall, but the bottom line is, this challenge *REALLY* belongs to each and every household of Living Waters. We are so very grateful for the ongoing and vital support we continue to receive from many households. *THANK YOU!* We also know that the well of potential support is SO much deeper than the percentage of households who keep our family of faith financially afloat. Our appeal is to you, if you are someone who has the means to offer more support but have not done so. Living Waters is an arm of God's reach, love and work in the community and world. We, together, have been called and sent to *REACH, TEACH & CARE* for God's world, and that we have done and continue to do in wonderful and empowering ways....but we can't do it without the support of our members and friends. We want to be transparent. The future concerns us. Can you help?

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

*Your brothers and sisters on the church council, finance team and staff.*

HAVING FUN WEARING A MASK. LOOK CLOSELY AT THE PICTURE OF YVONNE GRANDALL AND YOU WILL THAT SHE HAS CHICKENS ON HER MASK. NOW, LOOK REALLY CLOSE AND YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE IS A BEAK ON HER MASK! IT IS ALL ABOUT ATTITUDE AND YVONNE IS HAVING FUN WITH THE INCONVENIENCE OF WEARING A MASK.



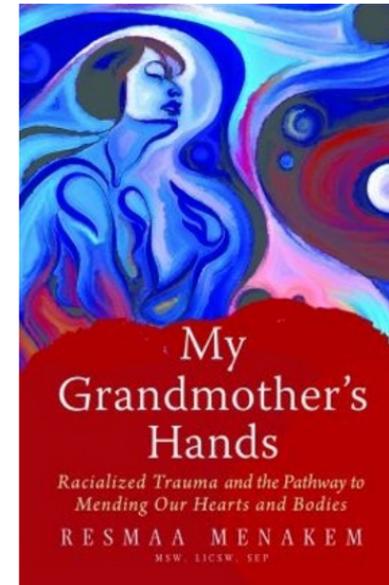
Lori Dingmann leads a time of stretching, relaxation and meditation every other Wednesday at 9 am at the church. If you aren't able to join us in person, check out the Living Waters Gentle Stretch and Meditation page on Facebook. You can access all of the videos of past sessions, as well as catch the live stream! October dates: 10/14 & 10/28.

**RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE  
INVITES YOU TO A BOOK READ AND  
DISCUSSION**

Read together "My Grandmother's Hands" by Resmaa Menakem. Books are available for purchase on Amazon.com. A few copies of the books are available in the church office.

You can choose from participating on **Zoom** on  
Sundays 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Oct 18, Nov 1, Nov 15

Or **in person**, at the church, on  
Wednesdays 11:00 – 12:00 pm. Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 18



**Help needed on Sunday Mornings!**  
As we find our way through the challenges of in-person, live-stream worship, we are finding two areas where we could use weekly help:

- Someone in our sound room running PowerPoint, videos and adjusting sound levels.
- Someone at the door greeting and directing those attending worship.  
*Please let Patti know if interested.*  
*patti@lwlcmmn.org*

**HELP WANTED!**

We are in need of having some *hired* substitutes for our support staff for occasions they need to be absent from their weekly work at Living Waters.

**SUBSTITUTE HELP FOR PATTI**...putting together the weekly live-stream and online worship services. Patti can train but computer know-how is necessary.

**SUBSTITUTE HELP FOR BRUCE**...basic custodial duties that include regular sanitizing during this pandemic.

**SUBSTITUTE HELP FOR LINDA**...making the payroll, paying bills and overseeing accounts.

*Please contact Pastor Todd if interested.*  
*todd@lwlcmmn.org*

**CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020**  
Thank you to Dan and Kelli Pederson for donating a bible that was given to each of our confirmands.

Please keep these confirmands in your prayers.

- Ethan Anderson \* Owen Berg
- Fionn Falk \* Max Fortner
- Jessica Fossum \* Cooper Godwin
- Belle Haddy \* Brielle Hanson
- Connor Johnson \* Emma Johnson
- Lexie Johnson \* Chloe Klinefelter
- Elizabeth Kothman \* Dade Kutzera
- Marizza Lenz \* Paul Martinson
- Eric Paulsen \* Julia Satre
- Sadie Schoenherr \* Joshua Tapio
- Jenna van der Hagen \* Brenna Weinand

**LWLC Mission Statement**

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



Creator: Wesley T. Allen

## RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

The next meeting of the Racial

Justice Task Force is Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be both in-person and Zoom. This group is open to anyone, even if you haven't attended previous meetings. Contact the church office if you would like the Zoom link.

### WREATH SALES— in person and online ordering options

Yes, it's October, but it's time to start thinking Christmas wreaths. We will continue to have our youth participate in this fundraiser. New this year, is an option to send funds directly to LWLC. Due to cancellation of Fall Fest, we are looking for ways to supplement the budget.

For those interested in selling, there will be order sheets available in the church office. There is also an option to order online, SEE BELOW.

All orders must be turned in by November 6. Delivery dates are between Nov 24 and Nov 27.

Please contact Kirsten at [stiegefamly@charter.net](mailto:stiegefamly@charter.net) with questions.

Also, Kirsten is looking for someone to help with the fundraiser this year, and take over next year.

### TO PLACE AN ONLINE ORDER:

- 1) Go to [www.evergreenindustries.com](http://www.evergreenindustries.com)
- 2) On the heading go to **Products and Cost.**
- 3) In the dropdown menu you will click **Friends and Family.**
- 4) It will ask you to enter a customer code **LIVING,**
- 5) Shop
- 6) Just before checkout it will ask for a Beneficiary (salespersons- put youths name, or LWLC
- 7) Credit Card information will be placed
- 8) Then submit
- 9) Orders shipped end of Nov- early Dec

**SIGNING UP FOR SUNDAY SERVICES**  
*Signup Genius* is used to reserve space at a worship service.



The sanctuary has been reconfigured to accommodate social distancing. The link is found on the church web site and once a week an email is sent out with the link to sign up.

You will see slots with different groupings of chairs. Choose the size grouping that you will need.

Space is limited, so making your reservation earlier than later is suggested.

### Do you have a skill to share?

A group of our older members recently asked if the office could develop a database of people in the congregation who have a special skill or business, such as painting, electrical work, plumbing, cleaning, etc. They are not looking for volunteers, but rather to hire. They mentioned they would feel safer hiring someone affiliated with LWLC than a stranger. The database will not be published, but kept as a resource for members who call. If you would like to be added to this database, please contact the church office (320) 255-1135 or email, [church@lwlcmn.org](mailto:church@lwlcmn.org).

### Here are ways to offer your financial support:

- \*Snail mail in your contribution.
- \*Set up a *BILL PAY* through your bank. Just set up LWLC as an online bill. You will need our address:  
1911 4th Avenue North,  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379.
- \*Donate via PAYPAL. Go to [paypal.com](http://paypal.com)  
Send "as a friend."  
You will need our email address: [church@lwlcmn.org](mailto:church@lwlcmn.org)

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Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
Phone: 320-255-1135  
Fax: 320-255-8891  
Email: church@lwlcmmn.org

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Time Sensitive Materials

**A big thank you to LWLC's shepherds and Care Core!**

**Let us know if you are in need of a little support or TLC, we've got it for you!**

Living Waters has a group of people who have signed up to be "shepherds." As shepherds, they send cards or make phone calls to people, and generally show that they care. Each member of Living Waters has a shepherd assigned to them, so if you are ever in need, please reach out! We will support you through our pastors as well as through our shepherds. Confidentiality is always maintained, and shepherds only learn of needs if permission is given. Thank you also to our fabulous Care Core, who oversees the shepherds!

### **Are you interested in becoming a member of Living Waters Lutheran Church?**

If you are interested in becoming a new member we are taking in new members on Sunday, October 25. We understand if you are not comfortable coming to the church and to be honest, we don't know what coming to church will look like in a few weeks, so this is going to be a bit different. If you are interested in joining, contact the church office (320) 255-1135 or email church@lwlcmmn.org. Pastor Todd will contact you prior to New Member Sunday, October 25, to answer any questions you may have about LWLC.

