



Fall



LWLC Mission Statement

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



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Living Waters Lutheran Church volunteers made a difference in Sauk Rapids through music, handiwork, and Adopt-a-Highway.

Nearly 30 people from Living Waters participated in "God's Work. Our Hands Sunday," a dedicated day of service in our community.

Volunteers formed teams that completed three service projects: singing and distributing cookies at The Good Shepherd, making tie blankets for residents of The Good Shepherd, and cleaning road ditches along LWLC's section of Adopt a Highway.

Thanks to all!

Volunteers from Living Waters Lutheran Church sing hymns to residents of The Good Shephard Community in Sauk Rapids on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.





"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 11, 2022



Top – Dressed in fluorescent-green safety vests, road clean-up volunteers stand by LWLC's Adopt a Highway sign.

Center, left – Volunteers make fleece tie blankets for residents of The Good Shepherd Community.

Center, right – Volunteers pick up litter from road ditches.

Bottom – Volunteers take a photo outside The Good Shepherd before heading inside to sing in the memory care wing.

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship Team has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, followed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Church Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.



Blair Schrader, Church Council President



Wednesday Education Returns!

LWLC's fall program welcomes more than 30 students



Thank-you, teachers

- ~ Jo Lundrigan
- ~ Tammy Victorian
- ~ Kirsten Stiegel
- ~ Pr. Jake Dyrhaug, Confirmation

The education program wouldn't be possible without our three volunteer teachers.



Thank-you, Kirsten and John

Kirsten volunteered to organize and oversee the Pre-K through 10th grade fall education program again this year, and John Fuls, Education Liaison, put on the meal at the kick-off event on Sept. 14. LWLC is grateful for their leadership.

Thank-you,



Max Fortner

MUSICIANS



Paul Martinson

Thank-you, New Wine Team



Jon Meinke shares information about the 2023 New Wine tour during the Fall Education kick-off event on September 14.



The New Wine troupe will perform skits and songs during their 10-day tour. Stops will include Mt. Rushmore and Pikes Peak.

Wednesdays at Living Waters



Living Waters Lutheran Church

CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY, OCT. 30
10:30 SERVICE



Your
Faith
is growing
abundantly
2 Thessalonians 1:3





Choir is Back!

The Living Waters Lutheran Church Choir is once again glorifying God together in harmony. This month, choir practices will be on Thursday, Oct. 6, and Thursday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. Next month, practices are on Nov. 10 and Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. The choir will sing for one service at 9:30 a.m. on Consecration Sunday (Oct. 23) and will sing for two services on Nov. 20. New singers are welcome to join!



LWLC youth are collecting gently-used Storm apparel for their Youth Education Service Project. Donations can be placed in the bin at entrance to the sanctuary.



**Food Shelf
Hours
TUESDAYS
10 a.m. - Noon**

Consecration Sunday

October 23

**10 a.m. Worship Service
Celebration Luncheon to Follow**

Regular

Sunday Worship

1st Service: 9:00 a.m.

2nd Service: 10:30 a.m.

**Coffee Fellowship
between services**

All are Welcome

Living Waters Lutheran Church
1911 4th Ave. N. Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



Harvest of Faith



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

“...They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.” Isaiah 9:3

Something I particularly love about living in Sauk Rapids is driving not too far from our neighborhood, and suddenly you're in the countryside. The fields and hills, the occasional tall pine, the oaks and maples, the river and all the wildlife that thrive near it, the eagles and hawks flying overhead, following it's flow. The farms with cows and horses and many other varieties of creatures over the landscape—it all makes for a creation that can make you full of awe and appreciation for God's world.

Living in relative proximity to farms and fields can have an effect of keeping you in touch with the basics of life. It's a “down-to-earth” kind of thing. We

now have mammoth machinery to bring in the harvest in the fall, whereas it was once by hand. We now go to the grocery store, whereas they once picked things by hand more regularly and milked their own cows. However you slice it, God's goodness at how we are provided for with such an abundance—it's just good to see those fields and farms to remind you that “all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.” They are miraculously provided from God's creation.

As the fields are ready for harvest when fall comes, if you slow down while driving past for a moment, you can feel joy at the goodness of God like the people did 2,700 years or so ago when the prophet Isaiah wrote those words, “They rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest.” (Isaiah 9:3) In this time of harvest, including at the Consecration Sunday event and luncheon on October 23rd, let us be joyful and celebrate the goodness of the Lord!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

CORNER

COUNCIL

Next Council Meeting: October 18, 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 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

This month, I have a few property updates for you.

- Thanks to Brad Becker, we're putting together a new lease agreement with LSS for the house and their ongoing program. The house is aged, and we are looking at the ongoing maintenance needs in addition to continuing the lease agreement.
- Winter is not that far away. Remember in June when I said we're looking for volunteers to shovel snow in the winter so Bruce doesn't have to? We're still looking! Anyone? It's just the sidewalk on days when there is less than an inch of snow. It needs to be done by 7 AM. Please connect with me or Bruce if you are willing. Much appreciated!
- In case you didn't notice, we have a new roof and new siding as a result of the storm last fall. Thanks to Bruce for working through the details with insurance, etc. and getting this done.
- Next spring we will see how the parking lot is faring and consider some needed maintenance work there.



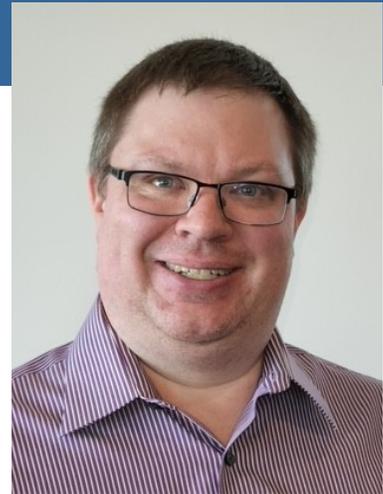
Thank you to everyone who has helped out with the property maintenance this summer, such as mowing and keeping our building and grounds clean. You are appreciated!

Peace,
Blair Schrader
LWLC Council President

Worship and Music Team

Sing your praise to the Lord; come on, everybody, stand up and sing one more hallelujah. We need more singers, so prayerfully consider using your talents to make a joyful noise to the Lord! We are off on Thursday, September 29, and Thursday, October 6, and resume rehearsals on Thursday, October 13, and Thursday, October 20, at 6:30, singing for one service on Sunday, October 23. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord on Consecration Sunday.

Are you interested in helping lead worship music? Feel free to join us Sunday morning. We usually meet a hour before the first service to run through the music.



Someone suggested to see if we could bring back the flat communion bread squares from the past. Is there anyone who has the time and talent or wants the knowledge to learn how to bake communion bread? Please contact Brad Giese at gieseb76@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions on how it works.

Brad Giese
Worship and Music Liaison

Outreach Team

Greetings, LWLC community!

As the fall church season is underway, so are changes within the outreach team. We are looking to expand our community involvement within the church and community as a whole. Ideas for different events are being heard and acted upon.

Thank you for a great community event with God's Work, Our Hands. We ordered shirts for the day, and 3 groups did projects within our community. The groups were tie blanket-making for Good Shepard, singing at the memory cottages at Good Shepard, and highway clean-up. We plan to expand our events even more next year. We were still limited a bit with COVID regulations this year.

The food shelf crew had a meeting this last Tuesday to discuss the future of our food shelf. We would like to expand the outreach team beyond just the food shelf. We are discussing changes to what our food shelf patrons receive and what is essential for daily living. We will be giving fresh items of milk, eggs, and bread each week. The dry bag we are still working on. The next event coming up is our Black Friday Food Drive on November 25, with the time to be determined. If interested in volunteering, please contact myself or Terry Sylvester. Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings,
Leann Giese
Outreach Liaison





Pederson Farm:
5400 Golden Spike Rd., Sauk Rapids

FALL HAYRIDE

Sunday, October 9



A light lunch, hayrides, and lawn games at the farm will start after the second church service, at approximately 11:45 a.m.



CHURCH CALENDAR



To access the church calendar, visit www.lwlcmmn.org/calendar

THE LIVING LENS

Snapshots of our ministries



Members of Worship and Music Team lead the congregation in song. Pictured are pianist Janet Anderson, playing Living Waters Lutheran Church's new Kawai grand piano, singers Brad Giese, Aaron Sufka, Mara Jahnke and Jana Johnson, and Pastor Jake, playing guitar.



Sporting explorer gear and holding a map, Pastor Jake Dyrhaug gives the Children's Message Sept. 4. The message is part of our fall worship series called "What's Next?"



Food shelf volunteers Leann and Brad Giese retrieve food from Kwik Trip as part of Second Harvest Heartland's Food Rescue Program. Since the program started a couple of months ago, the LWLC Food Shelf has received hundreds of ready-to-eat meals and snacks as well as bread and other staples.



Food shelf volunteers Terry Sylvester (left) and Leann Giese with a pallet of food from Second Harvest Heartland on October 4.

Photos submitted by Jo Lundrigan, Leann Giese, and Brad Giese

TO-GO

LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER



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Reminder: A planning meeting for the November Lutefisk Dinner starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, in the Room of Hope at the church.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

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

Monday

Closed

 320-255-1135

 church@lwlcmmn.org

THANK YOU

For your ongoing financial support.



Ways
you
can

Give

■ 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:
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.

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!



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.

Church Office
320.255.1135
church@lwlcmn.org



Pastor Jake
320.733.0257
pastorjake@lwlcmn.org

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.

Due to staffing issues, the Living Waters Nursery is closed until further notice. Diaper-changing tables are located in restrooms in the Life and Learning Center.

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- Navigate to the main menu (☰).
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Note: Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.

Contact Info



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug
(320) 733-0257

Ellarry — Church Office
(320) 255-1135

Can you donate food items for the Lutefisk Dinner?

**There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
Some of the items we will need include milk, butter, eggs, flour,
Stove Top stuffing mix, beef broth, and cream of onion soup.**

Updates from Lincoln Center

Lincoln Center, a local shelter that Living Waters Lutheran Church has supported through past clothing/supply drives, is requesting prayers to lift up staff, volunteers, and people of the St. Cloud area who are experiencing homelessness. The center is also asking faith communities to contribute time, talent, and funds. Although the non-profit facility recently received a grant, those funds were restricted to purchasing materials for building sleeping rooms in the middle section of the building. Funds for paying rent, utilities, and wages are running low, according to director Harry Fleegel.

The addition of sleeping modules has been a significant improvement, according to Fleegel, who said people no longer have to sleep in one communal room with office partitions. The room that people had been sleeping in will now become a dining area, lounge, and space for offices.

A recent remodel project, which also added new showers and a bathroom, has made the shelter safer and more private, Fleegel said. Lincoln Center is now able to accommodate 25 people per day and provide more services.

The original focus of Lincoln Center was providing food, shelter, communication services, and access to social workers and healthcare providers. Now, the new space is enabling Homeless Helping Homeless to provide for the social, intellectual, and spiritual needs of its occupants.

Fleegel envisions crowds of volunteers who will befriend and accompany people on their journey to a better life. The plan is to offer job fairs, faith group meetings, occupational therapy, one-on-one relationship development programs, and even yoga classes. This presents faith communities with a chance to be of service to those who have been traumatized and are suffering, alone, and afraid, Fleegel said.

“The need for our services is greater than ever,” Fleegel wrote in a recent letter to area churches. “All the shelters serving people experiencing homelessness in our area are already full and have waiting lists. Dozens of people are seeking shelter daily, and there is no place for them, and it is not even the cold season yet.”

Congregation members who are gifted with a talent or skill - be it musical, artistic, vocational, recreational, educational, or spiritual - and would be willing to volunteer can contact Lincoln Center by phone at 612-868-0465, by email at hfleegel@aol.com, or by stopping in and filling out a volunteer application at 630 Lincoln Ave. SE, St. Cloud, or registering online at homelesshelpinghomeless.org.



New Wine's 2023 Tour

The New Wine troupe will travel to Colorado in June. The 10-day tour is open to those in 9th grade up to age 25.

When: June 2023

Who: 9th grade to 25 years of age

Where: Rapid City, Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, Jewel Cave, Cheyenne, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, Royal Gorge White Water Rafting, and Denver, to list a few.

What: Short Skits and Songs