



## Thanks for saying yes to Fall Fest!

Fall Fest was held on Saturday, September 23, and it was a huge success! **The festival raised nearly \$9,000 for the general fund!**

Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who worked hard to make each event possible and successful. We appreciate you! A special thank-you to DeNetta Wolbeck and Paul Raduns— this would not have been possible without all your hard work!

Thank you to everyone who attended Fall Fest and brought friends, family and neighbors. It was wonderful to see numerous people from the Sauk Rapids community and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who donated

money and gift cards; collected donations from businesses; donated to the rummage sale; and loaned the church tables and/or trailers. And thank you to our custodian, Karen, for her many hours of hard work.

LWLC had an awesome lineup of events: bake, plant and rummage sales; a craft and vendor fair; kids' games and a petting zoo; chili cook-off; bean bag tournament; raffles, bingo; live music and concessions. Collectively, these events raised thousands of dollars and generated a stream of smiles throughout the day.

Let's keep the enthusiasm going! Fall Fest will return in 2025!



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## Three small groups forming this month

*Seeking leaders for Brewery Bunch, Dinner Group and Church Bible Study*

Looking to grow your faith and get connected with others in our church family? Small groups are now forming and will begin meeting this month to study the Gospel of Mark.

Small groups will be led by a trained lead who will facilitate the study series. Groups will meet once a week, for 45 minutes to 1 hour, for 4-5 weeks.

LWLC is currently seeking a leader for each small group. Leader training with Pastor Jake will be offered on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 5, at 5:30 p.m. Only one training is required—choose the date that works best for you.

Questions? Contact the church office.

**Brewery Bunch** - Gospel of Mark Study Series- Meet in a casual brewery environment and enjoy a beverage and such while you study. *Day of the week and time to be decided.*

**Dinner Group** - Gospel of Mark Study Series - Enjoy dinner at each others' homes (potluck) or at a restaurant while you study the Gospel of Mark. *Day of the week and time to be decided.*

**Church Bible Study** - Gospel of Mark Study Series at church after the WOW Wednesday service - Bible Study Only.

To sign up for a small group, scan the QR code, visit [www.lwlcmmn.org](http://www.lwlcmmn.org), sign up on the clipboard at church, or contact the church office.





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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

Meet in the narthex at 10:15 a.m.

## **TABLE TALK**

### **Continues**

Join us for Table Talk after the Sunday worship service on October 8th, 15th and 22nd. The theme is "Walk Through the Book of Mark." Pastor Jake and Pastor Wayne will lead the discussion.



### **SERVICE PROJECTS:**

**Highway Clean-Up**

**Singing at The Good Shepherd**

**Making Milestone Rocks for Youth**

**Making Cards for Homeless**

## **FALL HAYRIDE**

**Sunday, October 8**

**1:00 p.m.**



**HOT DOGS AND CIDER WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**Pederson Farm:**

**5400 Golden Spike Rd., Sauk Rapids**

# A Heartfelt Message from DeNetta

This year's Fall Fest would not be possible without all of YOU amazing members of Living Waters! We had faith as small as a mustard seed and we moved mountains... Ok, we moved a lot of stuff. We moved it here, there and everywhere—on a table, around a chair, to a rack and then back from the table to the trailer! Some gave an hour; some were there morning until night... there was even a leak that gave us a fright!

Hope I caught your attention because I want to point out that the Holy Spirit was with us and God provided an incredible day of fundraising and ENGAGEMENT as we walked with Jesus! There was conversation, laughter, and joy—we were the hands and feet making others feel welcome at our church! We are so blessed! I am so grateful for everyone and the effort to make this event a success! Whatever your contribution was to make the day a success, THANK YOU! Thank you, everyone, for your prayers, donations of aprons, coffee, chocolate, wine, beer, rummage, plants, and baked goods, for loaning tables, bean bag sets, tents, trailers, haybales, corn stocks, and for your volunteerism, time and energy! The kids' games, llamas, beautiful music, shopping at the craft & vendor booths and the raffles brought joy to so many! Bingo, concessions and raffles were great money-makers! We had winners at the Bean Bag Tournament, Bingo and the Chili Cook Off – all such great engagement events! Thank you to the youth volunteers, too! It was a perfect day in so many ways! It was a bonus when Plan B for the rain was not needed after all and the rain held off until our event was over.

It was a journey that started much like a mustard seed; we had the first meeting last spring, organizing a team and determining what type of events we should have, followed by staging a corny skit to promote the event and the total chaos of sorting through stacks, bags and boxes of rummage! The event grew and the excitement grew as everyone came together and we raised some much-needed funds for OUR church. And with all the hard work going on, it was fun and engaging! Yes, friends, we moved mountains with God's help!

The final numbers are in... Drum Roll, Please...

**Fall Fest Income: \$ 9,569.50**

**Fall Fest Expenses: \$ 767.36**

**Fall Fest Net Profit: \$ 8,802.14 - AMAZING - Thank you, everyone!**

A special thank-you to Paul Raduns for agreeing to support this idea to bring it back and to all of the Event Leads for joining in and making this 2023 Fall Fest a Success – it would not have been possible without each of you and the incredible work you did!

Committee/Event Leads	Joyce DeGrote Pastor Jake & Stephani Dyrhaug Haley Entner John & Cindy Fuls Brad & Leann Giese Bryn Muehlbauer Dan & Kelli Pederson	Ellarry Prentice Tauna Quimby Paul & Bonnie Raduns Kirsten & Andy Stiegel Terry Sylvester Tim & Brenda Wright Kurt Wolbeck
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With a Grateful Heart,

DeNetta Wolbeck

Fall Fest Chair



"With a Load of Thanks & Gratitude to All of the Volunteers!"



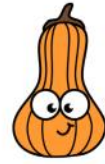
# FALL FEST 2023







# Congrats!



## FALL FEST WINNERS

### Chili Contest

Best Overall: DeNetta Wolbeck

Most Unique: Kelli Pederson

Spiciest: Mike Sawin

Fan Favorite: Wayne Anderson



### Bean Bag Tourney

1st: Team Stephen  
& Sarah

2nd: Team Christie



### Raffles

Wine: Bryn Muelbauer

Beer: Simon Bauer

Coffee & Chocolate: John Fuls

50/50: Corey Jahnke

Golf: Blair Schrader

Golf: Roger Morgel



THANK YOU!

# A season of splendid colors and vitality



**Pastor Jake Dyrhaug**

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1*

As you drive around the Sauk Rapids area this time of year, you see a real variety of colors with all the leaves changing hues. Some of the fall colors are spectacular! Against a backdrop of your occasional evergreen and the blue sky, it can make you applaud the Creator for such incredible artistry in the handiwork of creation, with the variety of colors. There is a real variety of happenings taking place this fall at Living Waters!

Vision Update: As we continue with the vision clarified by the Church Council this last year, we have before us the goal, "...That all would know they are loved by God and are inspired to follow Jesus." Part of this vision is to focus on kids and education and hospitality. We've kicked off Sunday and Wednesday classes with the "Ready, Set, Move!" theme and gotten together with H2O for events, with a great core group meeting regularly. Now we are in the midst of launching small groups with the "Walk Through the Gospel of Mark." Scan the QR code in the newsletter, on the website or Splashpad bulletin insert and sign up for one of the three kinds of small groups listed there! Small groups provide a great way to get connected with other people here at Living Waters.

Fall Fest: The recent Fall Fest was, simply put, an awesome example of many people striving together in coordination to accomplish great things! Not only did it raise over \$8,000, but it also

extended an open-door invitation to the community and surrounding area. The weather held out, and I'm told it was one of the best Fall Fest events yet! Wow, what a day!

Hayride, Oct. 8: This yearly event is a real highlight for Living Waters, and there will be hotdogs and cider there as well! Get out and enjoy those fall colors up-close-and-personal with the outdoors, in the company of good friends.

Confirmation, October 29: A major milestone for Lutheran Christians in their faith journey is what we call "Confirmation," when generally teenage students come forward so the whole church can encourage them and pray for them, and they have an opportunity to say what it means to them to believe in God, baptized into Christ.

There will be a special Confirmation Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 29th for those who are at this point of their journey.

ELCA National Youth Gathering, July 16-20, 2024, New Orleans: On Sunday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m., there will be an interest meeting for 8th-12th grade youth and parents about the upcoming ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, which will be July 16-20. (Note, the whole trip would include a couple days before and after the gathering to allow for travel). Josh Rock and Pastor Jake will be there to tell about the event and to answer questions.

May you be filled with joy in this season of fall, with the colors of God's handiwork all around us, and also with the variety of things happening at Living Waters as we grow together in faith, loved by God and called to follow where Jesus leads us.

Your Servant in Christ,

**Pastor Jake Dyrhaug**





## Education



Happy Fall! *Ready, Set, Move* is our theme, and our youth education teams are in full swing as the students are learning about Jesus! Thank you to all those who volunteer your time to be leaders and to teach classes or lead the music each week!

W.O.W. Worship on Wednesdays has been an exciting new format with communion offered, and all are welcome to worship! This is something new we added, and we have heard positive feedback! The students are learning the various roles in the church—leading music, ushering, greeting, reading, assisting with communion, etc.— and participating in the services. What a fun night of fellowship with pizza before worship service and education classes after the service!

The Kids Fighting Hunger food-packaging event had an awesome turn-out recently and is always a fun night for the kids to serve! The Sunday School children enjoyed a special guest recently when Ellarry Prentice shared her book. What a special day! Thank you, Ellarry!

We are looking forward to our 10th graders being confirmed on October 29th. They are working hard on their faith statements as their time in class with Pastor Jake comes to a close and they amp up for their roles as voting members of our congregation.

Remember to be a disciple and invite a friend to class; we always have room for more students! Make sure to check out a W.O.W. Wednesday Service! One more ask: Please keep all of our students in your prayers as they come to know Jesus a little more each week.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer to help with the Education Team, please contact the office or email DeNetta Wolbeck, Education Liaison, at [nedswolbeck@gmail.com](mailto:nedswolbeck@gmail.com).

**DeNetta Wolbeck**

**Education Liaison**

# October Events



- \* **Mary's Mermaids Meet:** Wednesday, October 4, at 9:30 a.m.
- \* **Table Talk:** October 8, 15, and 22 at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- \* **National Youth Gathering Meeting for 8-12 Grade Families:** Sunday, October 8, at 11:00 a.m.
- \* **Hay Ride at Pederson Farm:** Sunday, October 8, at 1:00 p.m.
- \* **Sunday School:** October 8, 15, and 29 at 10:10 a.m.
- \* **Wednesday Education:** October 4, 11 and 25. Pizza (\$1 per slice) at 5:30 p.m., W.O.W. Worship with communion at 6:00 and classes at 6:30 p.m.
- \* **Confirmation Classes:** October 4, 11 and 25 (See full schedule from Pastor Jake.)
- \* **Finance Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, October 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- \* **Church Council Meeting:** Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- \* **Spiritual Wellness Support Group Meeting:** Tuesday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- \* **H2O Youth Group:** Saturday, October 28. Meet for pizza at 6:00 p.m. at the church, then leave for Molitor's Haunted Acres in Sauk Rapids at 6:30 p.m.
- \* **Social Justice For All God's Children Meeting:** Thursday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the Room of Hope



## October Adventure

H2O is the LWLC youth group for grades 9-12. The group meets one evening a month for pizza and activities.

The next H2O gathering is Saturday, October 28. We will have pizza at 6:00 p.m. at LWLC, then leave for Molitor's Haunted Acres at 6:30 p.m. from church. Please purchase your own tickets online before 4:00 p.m. that day. Check Facebook and the Splash Pad for updates about upcoming H2O events.

## MEA BREAK

**No Wednesday School on October 18. No Sunday School on October 22.**

## YOUTH TRICK OR TREATING FOR LWLC FOOD SHELF

**Wednesday, October 25, at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Youth will go door-to-door collecting items.**

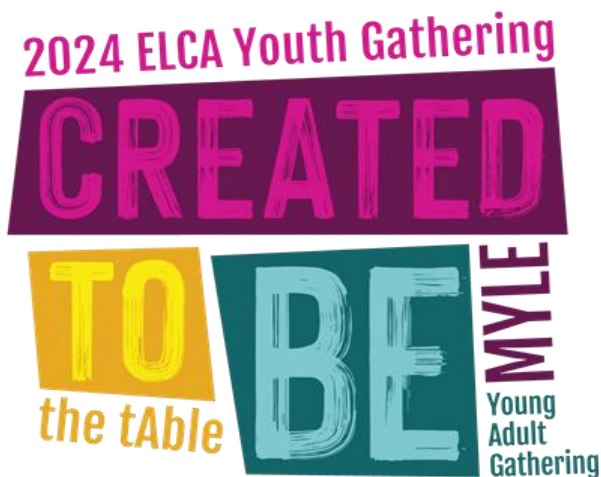
## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**October 29**

**Special Service at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Cake will be served at 10:00 a.m.**

# ELCA National Youth Gathering Meeting

Youth from grades 8-12 and their parents are invited to attend an informational meeting about the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering. The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8, at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Questions? Call Pastor Jake at 320-733-0257 or Josh Rock at 320-492-4044. The National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, Louisiana July 13-16, 2024.



## SAVE THE DATES

### **Black Friday Food Drive**

The Living Waters Food Shelf will have a Black Friday Food Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on November 24. More details to come.

### **Christmas Caroling**

Living Waters members will sing Christmas carols to residents of The Good Shepherd Community in Sauk Rapids on Sunday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m.

### **Living Nativity**

The Living Nativity will be presented in the parking lot of Coborn's in Sauk Rapids on Saturday, December 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. More details to come.

### **Christmas Eve in a Barn**

Christmas Eve in a Barn services will be held on Sunday, December 24, at the Pederson farm in rural Sauk Rapids. Service times to be announced.

## **Living Waters Lutheran Church Council**

**John Fuls:** President

**DeNetta Wolbeck:**

Vice President

**Wayne Anderson:** Secretary

**Mary Soroko:** Treasurer

**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 typically are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.*

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope**



## New Time for Choir Practice

The Living Waters Choir now meets for rehearsals at 6:00 p.m. The next two rehearsals are Thursday, October 5, and Thursday, October 12.

## FALL WORSHIP TIMES

**Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday Service: 6:00 p.m.**

Communion will be served at both services.

## Wednesday Worship

All are welcome to attend the new WOW Worship Service on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. This will be a short contemporary service with communion.

WOW services are held every Wednesday there is youth education. There will be a Wednesday service on October 4th, 11th, and 25th. (No WOW service on October 18th, as there are no classes during MEA break.)



## NURSERY NOW OPEN

The Living Waters Nursery is now open for use during worship on Sunday mornings, but it is not staffed. Please stay with your child at all times.



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!



All are welcome to this meeting.

Every 4th Thursday at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Room of Hope at LWLC.

# Kids Against Hunger

More than 25 youth and several adults from Wednesday Education and H2O participated in the Kids Against Hunger food packaging event on September 27 in the Sauk Rapids Industrial Park.



7,128 meals were packaged!



# Worship at LWLC

Sunday Service — 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Service — 6:00 p.m.

## FOOD SHELF HOURS

**TUESDAYS**  
**10AM - NOON**



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

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

Pastor Jake's Email: [pastorjake@lwlcmn.org](mailto:pastorjake@lwlcmn.org)

THANK YOU

For your ongoing financial support.



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# Servant Team Schedule

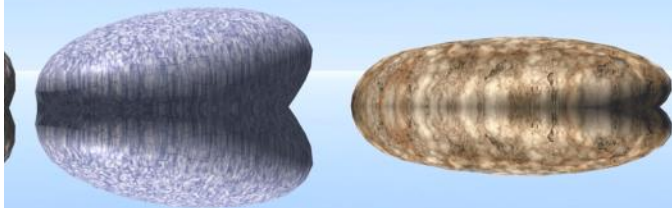
Team	Team Leader(s)	Last Name Starts With	Servant Months (first two)
Team 1	Tom & Cheri Satre	A through Cr	February 2023 and September 2023
Team 2	Teresa Szymanski	Cu through Gunderson, D	March 2023 and October 2023
Team 3	Jen Kiewel	Gunderson, J through Koskinen, D	April 2023 and November 2023
Team 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

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!

