



1911 4th Avenue North
 Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
 (320) 255-1135
 FAX (320) 255-8891
www.lwlcnn.org
church@lwlcnn.org
 Twitter - lwlcnn



rally sunday september 13

KINDERGARTNER / TEACHER / STUDENT BLESSING

Join us for one **OUTDOOR** service at 10:30 am. We'll **BLESS** our new kindergartners, as well as all students and teachers as they begin this new and challenging school year! Parents of kindergartners, please bring your child's backpack to worship if

Please wear masks as you come and go, but once seated they can be taken off.

possible (but not necessary). We'll have you put LWLC's traditional "cross rock" in your child's backpack as a reminder that Jesus is with them wherever they go. **Friends are welcome and will also receive a cross rock!**

We are also collecting some supplies for Pleasantview, our neighborhood school. Please check out the list of needs, and if you're able bring your supply donations to Rally Sunday, or drop them off at the church during food shelf hours. Thank you for your generous giving!



School Supply Collection for Pleasantview!

We consider Pleasantview our neighborhood school, and we like to lend a hand if possible! Right now their needs are the following:

bleach wipes
 hand sanitizer
 sweat pants children's size 6-14
 kids socks and underwear (boy and girl)

Bring your supply donations to Rally Sunday, or drop them off at the church during food shelf hours.

FOOD SHELF HOURS:

Tues & Fri 11:00—noon
 Wed 6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Let's see if we can offer support to our students and educators as they head into this new school year! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SUMMER SLUMP MEETS COVID CRUNCH!



Dear members and friends of Living Waters,

As we head into the fall months, we typically find our congregational purse-strings just a little tight as we come out of a *SUMMER SLUMP*...the summer months that are most often a time when the giving goes down as people head off into their summer plans. This year was like most as far as the *summer slump* goes, but unfortunately, because of the pandemic, we are not coming back into *FULL SWING* this fall *and* we will *NOT* be holding our annual *FALL FEST*, which typically brings in \$6,000—8,000 to our General Fund; hence, the above smiley face emoji that looks just a little concerned.

We need your help.

We count on your help.

We are grateful for your partnership in our shared ministry and we are turning to you to prayerfully consider the financial support you can offer our family of faith. I know that there are a number of households in our congregation who *DO* faithfully support our financial needs throughout the year. Thank you for *ALL* you do. I also know there are some households who cannot offer financial support due to their own financial restraints. Please know that we understand your situation and that giving is just not an option for you at this time. And I know there are many households who have the means to offer some support, and we are appealing to you to consider helping us maintain our mission and ministry at Living Waters. It's pretty remarkable how a very little by many can make a significant difference. For example, if each Living Waters household donated a mere additional \$23, (*just think how easily you can spend \$23!*) we would make up for not being able to have Fall Fest this year. Wow!

In the midst of Covid, we have continued to be a church together in creative and significant ways. God's light shines brightly through the members and ministry of our congregation. As you page through this newsletter, you will see that we are moving into the fall with education and worship in the best and safest way we know. This pandemic has been significant, but it has not eroded the power of God's Word and Presence in our community. The staff, financial team and church council have felt encouraged and blessed to have not needed to send out an alert that things were getting financially, very tight, but, as we head into the fall season, we need to be honest and let you know where things stand.

If you are able, please help.
God's Blessings and Peace.

Pastor Todd Mattson

Here are some 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

Send "as a friend."

You will need our email

address: church@lwlc.org

COMING BACK INSIDE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Worship services return to the Sanctuary on:

SEPTEMBER 20 8:30am & 10:30am

Thank you to the *COMING IN* taskforce and *MUSIC & WORSHIP* team for their work in putting together a safe and workable plan for returning to indoor worship.

Here are some things you will need to know:

- ⇒ The sanctuary seating has been arranged to allow for social distancing.
- ⇒ Masks will be required of all who attend.
- ⇒ Because the seating is limited, you will need to go online to reserve space for whichever service you plan to attend.

Signup Genius will be used to reserve space at a worship service.

For the service on the 20th go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yxrh7ygc>. The link is found on the church web site.

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 would be suggested.

- ⇒ For those without computer access, you can call the church office to sign up. Ten percent of our available seating will also remain available for visitors and those who simply show up.
- ⇒ Because of COVID, no nursery or Sunday School will be available, but we will have activity bags for kids as well as a few tables with art supplies for parents with children.
- ⇒ ***THESE, AND ALL SERVICES, WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE ON-LINE.***

*As September 20th approaches, watch for a link to a video we plan to create, walking you through the process of how to reserve space as well as details on what to expect when you arrive for indoor worship at Living Waters. We will email the link as well as posting it on Facebook and on our website.

**PLEASE BEAR IN MIND this is a work in progress with a notable learning curve for all of us.
We ask your patience and helpful feedback as we navigate these new waters.*

2020-2021 Wednesday Night Ministries for 4-9th Graders

We're rollin' with it!



Our plans will be flexible this year as we'll be following CDC and state guidelines for Covid, which means that we'll be doing whatever the SRR schools do as well. Information and registration forms were mailed out, but if you didn't get one, they are also attached to the LWLC Facebook page and the church web site.

**Registration forms are due by no later than September 11
so that we can make sure to follow Covid guidelines.**

MAKE a Splash

We are excited that during these stressful times when our students need our love and support, Lori Dingmann will be leading each class in 10 minutes of gentle stretching and meditation that will tie into their lesson for the night. Lori will also be giving each class a "Make a Splash" challenge with prizes to be awarded! Keep an eye out for further information!

A huge thank you to all of our teachers for this year:

Sara Underhill (4-6th grade)

Kirsten Stiegel (7th grade Treks, 8th grade home huddles)

Greg Klinefelter (8th grade home huddles)

Londa Wagner (9th grade home huddles)

Alicia Mages (9th grade home huddles)

Jody Henkemeyer (9th grade home huddles)

Jessica Ostman (9th grade home huddles)

For parents of kids 3rd grade and younger... We have not forgotten you! Although we will not be able to offer a nursery or Sunday School this year, we will have tables in the sanctuary with art supplies and children's books and other activities for families. Families will be invited to put these supplies in a bag and keep their "blessing bag" at home with them, bringing it when they come for worship. We will have supplies on the tables each Sunday for you to refill your bag. This will help us maintain a sanitized environment for young families. And as always, the sounds of children are welcome and encouraged in our worship space...they remind us that we are fully alive in God!

Thank You!

We are **SO** GRATEFUL to **SO** many people who have done **SO** much for Living Waters during these pandemic months. Thank you to:

Singers, instrumentalists and readers for our online and outdoor services!

Food shelf volunteers and all who donate food and supplies!

Those who have offered daily check-ins on our facebook page!

Shepherds who have checked in and cared for the Living Waters sheep!

Council members and various team members who have continued to meet!

Those who take care of our grounds, grow our garden and water our plants!

Prayer chain pray-ers!

All who have given financial support!

Everyone who has offered expressions of support and encouragement to the Living Waters staff

A NEW DATE FOR CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

This year's 10th graders will be getting confirmed a month earlier than usual. With Confirmation Sunday typically drawing a large crowd and our seating capacity in the sanctuary limited for the foreseeable future, it has been decided to move the big event to September 27th at 1pm, in order that it can potentially be an outdoor service. If the weather doesn't cooperate, there will be 2 separate services for portions of the class that day at 1pm and 3pm inside the sanctuary.

10th grade students will be meeting on Wednesday, September 9th to go over final preparations for their confirmation.



Table Talk

TABLE TALK is Living Waters Sunday forum on various topics related to our faith. As we move to indoor worship on September 20th, we will study how things seem to work on Sunday mornings, finding the best venue and time to begin offering TABLE TALK in October. Stay tuned!

Please let Pastor Todd know of any requested topics of discussion for future Table Talks.

Update from “The Former Intern”

Just wanted to officially share the news with all of you that I have accepted a full-time call to Zion Lutheran Church in Milaca and will begin serving there on October 1. Thank you all for your support during my internship and for prepping me to take this next step in ministry. I will always be thankful for my experience at LWLC! Now for an official invitation...



YOU'RE INVITED

to a Service of Ordination!!



For: Sarah (Beseman) Larson

Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Outdoors at Bethel Lutheran Church
(901 West Broadway, Little Falls)

Face masks required with social distancing observed.

If possible, please RSVP to slarson004@luthersem.edu or text

320-360-0160 if you are planning to attend. Thank you!

LWLC has been an important part of this journey and a special part of my life, so I'd love to see you there!

~ Sarah Larson



Outdoor Worship.

The Racial Justice Task Force

met on a beautiful August night in the parking lot of LWLC. At this meeting the task force met with Natalie Ringsmuth of UniteCloud. She answered questions from task force members.

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 pm, and YOU are invited!

Stay tuned for information about a group book read, ***My Grandmother's Hands*** by Resmaa Menakem.



Thank you to everyone who shared a Check In with us over the summer. If you missed them they are on the church Facebook page. Just do a search of "check in" to find them.

We will still occasionally post a check in and you can do so at any time. Just record on your phone or tablet and email to church@lwlcnn.org or text to Patti at (320) 266-0167. If you need help in recording, just contact Patti to make arrangements to connect with her to record your message.

Check ins are about where you find God. You can tell of an experience, read something meaningful to you, or whatever you come up with to share.



LIVING WATERS LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOOD SHELF



NEW FOOD SHELF HOURS:

Tuesday: 11:00 am—noon

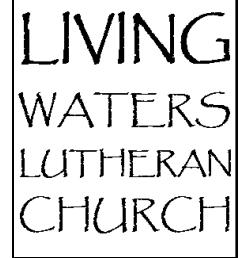
Wednesday: 6:00 —7:00 pm

Friday: 11:00 am—noon

Can you help occasionally or more often at the food shelf? People are needed to staff the food shelf. This means meeting our guests at the door and giving them a bag or two of food. It also means organizing the food and filling bags. If you are able to help, please contact Patti at church@lwlcnn.org.

We are always looking for donations of food items and money.





1911 4th Avenue North
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Phone: 320-255-1135
Fax: 320-255-8891
Email: church@lwlc.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 10
Sartell, MN

Address Service Requested

Time Sensitive Materials



**Will there be NEW WINE
this year?**

We hope so...time will tell.
We have plans to put
together a fun show and tour
to the Pacific Northwest and
Canadian Rockies in the
summer of 2021. We'll see.

Stay tuned...



**Will there be a NATIONAL
YOUTH GATHERING this
year?**

We hope so...time will tell.
The NYG (*held every 3 years*)
will be in our own backyard
this next summer...
in MINNEAPOLIS.

Can we attend?
We'll see. Stay tuned...

LWLC Mission Statement

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