



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

**Wednesday Education Starts Sept. 14**

Fall

Living Waters Lutheran Church is excited to announce that Wednesday Education will begin September 14. This year's fall theme is "Let your light so shine!"

All kids ages Pre-K – 10th grade and their parents/guardians are invited to our **Fall Education kick-off event on Wednesday, September 14, starting at 6 p.m.** Join us at the church for food, fellowship, and information about the fall education program. Hot dogs, chips, and lemonade will be served.

**Pre-K – 9th Grade**

Pre-K – 9th grade will meet from **6 to 7:15 p.m.** on the following Wednesdays:

- September 14
- September 21
- September 28
- October 5
- October 12
- October 26
- November 2
- November 9
- November 16



**Regular Nightly Schedule**

- 5:30 to 6:** Pizza served in the Life and Learning Center
- 6 to 6:15:** Singing
- 6:15 to 6:25:** Water Talk on subject of the day
- 6:25 to 7:15:** Classroom time

**Confirmation**

10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students will meet on the following Wednesdays:

- September 14, **with their parents**, from 6 to 7 p.m.
- September 21, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.
- September 28, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.
- October 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- October 12, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.
- October 26, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

**Students will be Confirmed Oct. 30.**

**Special Dates**

**September 28:** Kids Fighting Hunger. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders will meet at 11 Industrial Blvd., Sauk Rapids, starting at 6:15 p.m., to package food for people in need.

**October 5:** Guest Speaker. Pre-K – 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend. Pastor Albert from Higher Ground Church will speak on diversity at 6 p.m. Pizza will be served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. **The congregation is invited to attend.**

**October 26:** Trick-or-treating for the LWLC Food Shelf. Pre-K through 9<sup>th</sup> graders will trick-or-treat for food shelf items from 6 to 7 p.m.

**November 9:** Mentor Night. This event for 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders starts at 6 p.m. and will feature music, Water Talk with Pastor Jake, and time for mentors and mentees to visit. Pizza will be served from 5:30 to 6 p.m.

# 4th-8th grade teachers needed for Wednesday Education

If interested, please email Kirsten at [stiegelfamily@charter.net](mailto:stiegelfamily@charter.net).



**Fall 2022**

## Registration for Wednesday Night Education

*Please complete one form for all students in your family. Registration is due no later than September 18.*

### Pre-K - 9th Graders

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost per student is \$15. This covers curriculum and supply costs.**

The email address you use and check often:

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment

Make checks payable to "Living Waters Lutheran Church" with "Wednesday Night Ministry" in the memo line. Financial assistance is available, if needed; please indicate amount on the second line below.

Amount of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Amount Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

# Fall Education Kick-off Event

at Living Waters Lutheran Church



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**6 p.m.**

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**Hot dogs, chips  
and lemonade will  
be served**



**Education theme:**



*Let Your **Light** So Shine*

**STARTING  
SEPTEMBER 18**



AT

*Living Waters Lutheran Church*

**There will be TWO worship  
services on Sunday mornings**

**1st Service: 9:00 a.m.**

**2nd Service: 10:30 a.m.**

**Coffee Fellowship  
between services**

*All are Welcome*

1911 4th Ave. N. Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



# Living Waters Hosts PALS Conference

Great River ELCA "PALS" Pastors and Lay Staff Conference meeting was hosted at Living Waters on August 11th. The well-attended conference included a worship service led by Pastor Jake and accompanied by pianist Janet Anderson.



# Cookies, Coffee and Conversation

With Pastor Jake and Stephani Dyrhaug

These weekly gatherings at LWLC will feature a time of conversation along with opportunities for the Dyrhaugs to get to know people better and hear the story and dreams of Living Waters.



Sept. 13th

and 27th

6:30 p.m.

Sign up in the  
Narthex or by calling  
or emailing the  
church office.

320.255.1135 |  
church@lwlcmmn.org

## LWLC's School Supply Drive

Living Waters is collecting school supplies for students attending Pleasantview Elementary in Sauk Rapids this fall.

### Needed Items

- Boxes of 10 wide classic washable markers (Crayola preferred)
- Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- Spiral notebooks
- Folders
- Boxes of facial tissue
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- Standard size school box
- Reams of brightly colored copy paper
- Children's size underwear and socks
- Children's size sweatpants and/or leggings
- Clorox wipes

Please bring to church by



## 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@lwlcmmn.org



Pastor Jake  
320.733.0257  
pastorjake@lwlcmmn.org

# What's Next?



**Pastor Jake Dyrhaug**

This September and October we will be journeying together in worship, pondering “What’s Next?” We’re partnering with some other Minnesota ELCA churches in planning some series themes, and I’m excited about it. When it comes to faith, where we go next can be confusing. For all of us - whether you grew up in church or are new to faith - “What next?” is a question that lingers in the back of your head. It’s a question we’ve wondered about again and again for so long that it’s been shoved way back in the recesses of our minds. Honestly, most of us have given up trying to figure it out, because no one has helped you figure out your “What next?”

Isn’t it about time we figure out together “What’s next?”

“What’s next?” is a question Christians have been asking forever! Post-Easter, surely the disciples were asking, “what’s next?” When Moses led God’s people to the edge of promised land, certainly God’s people were asking, “what next?” Over the last couple years with the pandemic, we’ve all found ourselves asking again and again, “What’s next?” It’s a new chapter at Living Waters as we are “back together” and for in-person worship and events, seeking God’s continued vision for the future.

For Christians, “what’s next?” is our life-long question because you were born to make a difference. You were designed to partner with God to change the world for good. Wherever you are in your faith, there is always a next step. This series will run through September and October, and it will equip, guide and help you discover the “what’s next?” God has in store for you!

Preview...

*September 4th What’s Next? Know God / Worship*

The goal is not religion or going to church, but knowing God. It’s not about attendance, it’s about our hearts. Not religion, relationship.

*September 11th What’s Next? Find Freedom / Connect*

All of us see life through the lens of our hearts - hearts that carry the pains of our past. When we don’t settle those pains of our past they grab hold of us - the hurt inside us holds us back and we’re never able to experience the faith and life God wants for us. Once we know God, the next thing God wants is to settle the things of our past.

*September 18th What’s Next? Discover Purpose / Serve*

If you don’t know what you’re chasing, you just keep running.

*September 25th What’s Next? Make a Difference / Serve*

Once we know God, find freedom and discover our purpose, we experience God’s goal for you and me: that we - together - make a difference.

Each week there will be discussion questions at the tables in the narthex to take home to continue the conversation. And we’ll have cards you can share with friends to invite them on the journey!

“Cookies, Coffee and Conversation” will continue with September 6th, 13th and 27th, 6:30 p.m. in Room of Hope. Steph and I enjoyed hosting the first of these in August, and we look forward to sitting down to get to know you more and hear about the story and dreams of Living Waters. Call Ellarry at the office or find the clipboards in the narthex for a Tuesday that will work!

Grace, Joy and Peace!

**Pastor Jake**

# CORNER

## COUNCIL

Next Council Meeting: September 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm  
(the third Tuesday of the month)

President:	Blair Schrader
Vice President:	John Fuls
Secretary:	Linda Agre
Treasurer:	Mary Soroko
Liaisons...	
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

Can you feel it? I can! There's renewed energy and enthusiasm at church, and it's AWESOME!

We took the summer to get back on our feet with almost all new staff. Now, we're ready to move ahead, as Pastor Jake will be leading us in a sermon series, finding what's next for Living Waters and finding our way with what we know yet also trying some new things.

I encourage you to keep up with the information coming, both in this newsletter and through email and Facebook. Take advantage of the time offered with Pastor Jake and Stephani for cookies and conversation so you can raise your voice. The Spirit is working with us, and we are flourishing! Amen!

In Peace,

Blair Schrader  
LWLC Council President



## Worship and Music Team

Do you know why piano players and optometrists are great drivers? Because on the road, they have to C#; otherwise they'll Bb.

In case you haven't heard, within two weeks 😊 we purchased our new 5' 9" Kawai baby grand piano as well as fundraised and sold our old Kawai 5' 1" piano. Thank you again, Janet, for your coordination with this and those who purchased keys or octaves. God is good.

We had beautiful sunshine weather for the August 21st outdoor service. It was another successful event, and hopefully, we can do it again soon.

Come and Worship with us on Rally Sunday, September 11th, when Mel's brass quartet is playing.



Starting September 18th, the council has decided to hold worship two times. The first service will be at 9 a.m., and the second service will be at 10:30 a.m.

**Calling all sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses! Choir is back, starting September 15th.** For the month of September only, there will be a practice session on Thursday, the 15th at 7 p.m., and then we will sing during worship on the 18th. Then, starting in October, practices will be held on the first and second Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m., and then we'll sing during worship on the Sunday following that second Thursday practice. Please check the calendar in the newsletter or on the website. All are welcome because all God's children have a place in the choir.

By the way, do you know pianists go on vacation?...To the Florida Keys.

Brad Giese

## Outreach Team

“By connecting and being part of a community with a shared vision and goals, we can create a great thing.”

~ David J. Greer

Happy September, LWLC family and friends. We have had a busy month within all the council groups. With the new season comes lots of awesome changes and events going on. I am so blessed to be on the council with such a great group of people.

God's work, Our hands will be happening at 11 a.m. on September 11th. The events we will be doing are: highway clean-up, tie blankets, and singing and cookies at Good Shepherd Community.

There will be shirts available for that day to celebrate the event. We will be looking for 4-6 people who would like to go to Good Shepherd. Pastor Jake will be playing his guitar, and the songs will be familiar ones.



The food shelf has been going great. We are in need of some more volunteers from about 9:30-12:00 p.m. during food shelf hours. The main responsibilities are getting bags ready, running food

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out to cars, and stocking the shelves. If interested, please let Terry Sylvester or Leann Giese know. On August 23rd, Mayor Kurt Hunstiger came to help at the food shelf, and the Sauk Rapids Herald did an article. This is a great opportunity to get the word out to community leaders and businesses.

Thank you for the donations to Pleasantview Elementary School. We appreciate any support we can give both the students and faculty. The last day to donate to the cause will be September 11th. Be on the look-out for the next community event after the 11th.

**A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center table in the LWLC Narthex. You can also call the church office at 320-255-1135 to sign up.**



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

**Living Waters Lutheran Church**

# **RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11**

**Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m.**



Join us for a dedicated day of service in our community. We will clean up our Adopt-a-Highway section, sing to residents at Good Shepherd Community, and make tie blankets to donate. T-shirts are available. Call Leann with the Outreach Team - 320-291-7148 - for questions.



# THE LIVING LENS

Snapshots of our ministries.



*Photo by Leann Giese*

Food shelf volunteers Brad Giese (from left), Howard Sylvester, and Terry Sylvester unload a pallet of food from Second Harvest Heartland in August.

The Living Waters Food Shelf is also utilizing Second Harvest Heartland's Food Rescue program. Each week, volunteers pick up food from the Kwik Trip next door to give to those in need.



*Photo by Leann Giese*

Ellen Howe and Yvonne Crandall serve cookies, coffee, and lemonade during Sunday Fellowship on August 14.

# Sauk Rapids Mayor Volunteers at Food Shelf

Kurt Hunstiger helped Living Waters volunteers bag and distribute food on August 23.



**TOP LEFT—**  
Nick Zahurones,  
Judy Stene, and  
Mayor Kurt  
Hunstiger



**TOP RIGHT—**  
Leann Giese, Pas-  
tor Jake Dyrhaug,  
and Mayor Kurt  
Hunstiger



**BOTTOM  
LEFT—**Leann  
Giese and Carol  
Kowalczyk



**BOTTOM  
RIGHT—**Yvonne  
Crandall

*Photos by  
Terry Sylvester*

Paying it Forward With

# Potatoes



From food stand to food shelf.

Hundreds of potatoes destined for a deep fryer at the fairgrounds ultimately became nourishment for those in need thanks to the generosity of a local family.

Eldon Schiller of Rice purchased potatoes in bulk for his fry and cookie stand at the Benton County Fair and the Pantowners Car Show in Sauk Rapids, held in early and late August, respectively. After both events, Schiller, a Rice firefighter, had an excess of leftover spuds, and his dad, "Shorty" Heinen, had an idea.

After the outdoor worship service on

August 21, Shorty drove up to the church and approached Pastor Jake, telling him about the plethora of potatoes the men wanted to donate to the LWLC Food Shelf.

Following this unexpected offer for potatoes in the parking lot, Pastor Jake followed Shorty to the shed, and some of bounty was brought to church by a crew led by Terry Sylvester.

The potatoes were distributed by the food shelf August 23.

LWLC was surprised again when Shorty returned to the church the following day with eight more boxes of potatoes.

**A big thank-you to Eldon and Shorty for their generosity!**



# *This is the day that the Lord has made.*

~ Psalm 118:24



Musicians Aaron Sufka (from left), Brad Giese, Mara Jahnke, Jana Johnson, Pastor Jake Dyrhaug and Janet Anderson lead the congregation in song from the Raft. Thirty-eight people attended the outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 21.

## Outdoor Worship

Living Waters Lutheran Church was blessed with beautiful weather for our outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 21. Thanks to all of the organizers for their time and effort.



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug (right) gives the children's message on the lawn.



# Join the Living Waters Choir!

Choir practice begins Thursday, September 15, at 7 p.m. Starting in October, practices will be on the first and second Thursdays at 7 p.m.



## New Wine troupe at Living Waters Lutheran Church planning trip to Colorado

**NEW WINE 2023** – New Wine will be heading to beautiful Colorado next summer. What we need this fall are people to fill the vans and spread the word. Because of a two-year break due to COVID, we are opening our tour to those up to 25 years old who would still like to do this great trip. We are looking for young adults who are in 9th grade this coming year to 25 years old. If you fall within that age bracket, come and find out more information on Rally Sunday!

**When:** June 2023 (10-day tour)

**Who:** 9th grade to 25 years old

**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

**A parent/interest meeting will be held after church on September 11. Information will also be shared at 6:30 p.m. September 14 during the Wednesday Education kick-off event at LWLC.**

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Click on the picture  
to access the  
church calendar or go to  
[www.lwlcmmn.org/calendar](http://www.lwlcmmn.org/calendar)

Living Waters Lutheran Church welcomes back the

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

I N C L U S I O N

Come join the  
conversation  
about how we can  
be inclusive to all  
people!

September 22  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
at LWLC

Questions about  
the group?  
Contact Warren  
Christie at  
320-493-5404.

TO-GO

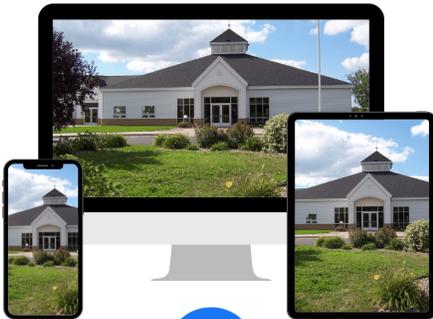
# LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER



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## Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

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

Monday

Closed



320-255-1135



[church@lwlcmmn.org](mailto:church@lwlcmmn.org)



# New Look

The church offices are teeming with bright, freshly painted walls thanks to the efforts of volunteer painter extraordinaire Rob Jacobs. Walls in all three offices have been painted a water-reminiscent blue with white accents. Staff and visitors love the new look.

Thanks to Rob for his time and hard work. Rob was a longtime employee of the St. Cloud Correctional Facility, where he taught inmates to paint. Some of those inmates, he later learned, went on to work as painters by trade after their release.

As part of the office makeover, work areas and the supply room are being reorganized. The task has necessitated many hours of work but is proving to be a worthwhile endeavor as new staff becomes acclimated with the inner workings of the church. Thanks to Terry Sylvester for all her help cleaning and organizing the office.



## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

Contact Pastor Jake at [PastorJake@lwlcmn.org](mailto:PastorJake@lwlcmn.org), or call 320-255-1135 to assist you.

## Volunteers Needed To Count Donations

Living Waters is seeking volunteers to count donations after church services. Four new counters are needed. It's a half-hour commitment once a month. Email Treasurer Mary Soroko at [mpsoroko@gmail.com](mailto:mpsoroko@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving as a counter.



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

**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.**

**amazon**smile

You shop. Amazon gives.

Thank you to everyone who has Living Waters Lutheran Church designated on their AMAZON SMILE ACCOUNT. A percentage of qualified purchases is given to Living Waters if you have designated Living Waters as your charity of choice.

**How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:**

- Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).
- Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com.
- Select your charity.
- Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity. Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

**How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:**

- Open the Amazon Shopping app.
- Navigate to the main menu (☰).
- Tap on Settings and then select “AmazonSmile.”
- Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

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

Join us! For a dedicated day of service in our community.

## RALLY SUNDAY is SEPTEMBER 11

Volunteers will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m.

Choose from three projects:

- Clean Up Our Section of Adopt-a-Highway
- Sing and Pass Out Cookies at Good Shepherd
- Make Tie-Blankets to Donate



God's work.  
Our hands.

Living Waters  
Lutheran Church



A Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Organization  
1115 4th Ave N, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

**BINGO** is not so easy if you are unable to move the pieces, hear the number called, or see your card. Consider being the help that allows our residents to fully participate in this #1 favorite activity. **Every Friday at 2 pm.** All you need is a sense of fun and a caring heart to make a **BIG** difference for our senior community! Volunteer with a friend and double the fun! Junior volunteers welcomed.

Contact Janette, Volunteer Coordinator, **320-258-8661**. [janetteditlefsen@gsc-mn.org](mailto:janetteditlefsen@gsc-mn.org) All Good Shepherd Volunteers offer a safer environment by providing proof of Covid vaccinations and boosters. Apply online at [www.goodshepherdcampus.org](http://www.goodshepherdcampus.org) Click on 'volunteer'. Click on 'apply now'.

### VOLUNTEERING Close To Home... At A Home!

*Caring for Minnesota's senior community  
since 1963*

A fresh **MANICURE** feels good for anybody. Our residents depend on volunteers to help them have this simple pleasure. **Tuesday mornings beginning at 9 am.** This is a wonderful way to spend time with special people that want to feel special. A manicure allows time to chat or listen to music as you remove old polish and apply a new coat. No trimming involved, just occasional filing. If you have an hour or more **between 9:00 am and noon** to help with this volunteer need, we provide all the supplies and, even though no experience is necessary, we can provide training. Can you help with this popular resident request? Junior volunteers ages 12-17 welcomed also! Volunteer with a friend and double the fun!

Good Shepherd welcomes fully Covid vaccinated and boosted volunteers that help to keep our residents and staff safe. Apply online at [www.goodshepherdcampus.org](http://www.goodshepherdcampus.org) Click on 'volunteer'. Click on 'apply now'. Or Call Janette at **320-258-8661**.