



Join us after the worship service on September 10th, 17th and 24th for conversation with the new "Walk Through the Gospel of Mark" series we'll be following for small groups this fall. Pastor Jake and Pastor Wayne will lead the discussion.



September
10, 17, 24
10:15 a.m.

Small groups to begin meeting in October

Sign up online using the QR code or contact the church office

By DeNetta Wolbeck, Education Liaison

You asked — we listened! Small groups are now forming!

Looking to grow your faith and Get Connected with others in our Church Family? We have something new! We are kicking off small groups and seeing where this “grows”!

We are introducing a small-group Bible Study for the Gospel of Mark from our partners at Calvary Connect in Alexandria. 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, starting in October.

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 Groups - 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.

Sign up today using the QR code for the type of group you would like to join, and you will be contacted soon with more information about your October Small Group Bible Study!

We are also looking for those interested in being a leader to facilitate the Bible Study. There will be a short training session with

Scan the code or contact the church office to sign up!



materials provided. You will lead a small group of 8-10 people weekly to connect with others as we grow in faith and learn more about the Gospel of Mark. Please contact the church office to sign up for the leader training session!

FALL WORSHIP TIMES

Starting September 13

Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Service: 6:00 p.m.

Communion will be served at both services.

New Wednesday Worship - Everyone Welcome!

Starting September 13, Worship on Wednesday will be held at Living Waters. The half-hour WOW Worship service with communion will start at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome! Come early! Pizza (\$1 per slice) will be served at 5:30 p.m. before the Wednesday service.

Register now for Fall Education!

Ways to Register

Scan the QR code on right, pick up a paper form at the church, or request a form by sending an email to church@lwlcmmn.org.



Sunday School

Sunday School is for PreK (potty-trained) through third grade. The program starts on September 10 at 10:10 a.m. The duration of Sunday School will be about 45 minutes.

Fall Dates:

Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 12

Notes:

- *No classes on Oct. 22 (MEA).
- *Children will practice for their Christmas program on November 5 and November 12.
- *The Christmas program will be presented on Sunday, December 10, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Confirmation

Class for 9th graders will be Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. on 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, and 11/15. 10th grade class will be Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in September and October only— 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25.

Wednesday School

Wednesday School is for 4th-10th grades. The program start on September 13, with pizza (\$1/slice at 5:30 p.m., followed by WOW Worship at 6:00 and classes from 6:35 to 7:15.

Fall Dates:

Sept. 13, Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Oct. 29, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15

Notes:

- *On Sept. 27, youth will package meals during the Kids Fighting Hunger service event.
- *On Oct. 4, we will have a guest speaker.
- *No classes on Oct. 18 (MEA).
- *Nov. 15 is Mentor Night for grades 7-9; additional parent volunteers will be needed.

Family Night

LWLC will host Family Night once a month on Wednesdays this fall. Parents/guardians will be invited to join 4th through 10th graders for pizza, worship and class time until 7:15 p.m.



RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Outdoor Worship at 9:00 a.m. with a Back to School Blessing for all students



Sunday School for PreK-3rd grade starts at 10:10 a.m.

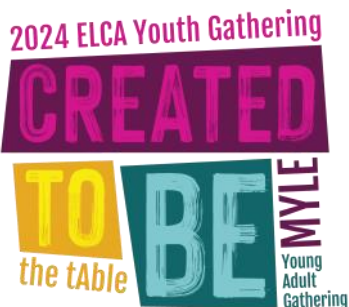
REGISTER FOR YOUTH EDUCATION



TABLE TALK



**10:15 a.m.
in the church**



Save the Dates! The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will be July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. Registration opens in mid-September - watch for more information! This year's theme is "Created To Be." Through interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship at this national faith formation event, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.



FALL FEST IS BACK!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Many volunteer opportunities are available. Please contact the church office if you would like to get involved!

church@lwlcmn.org 320-255-1135



Help Us Spread the Word About Fall Fest!

Tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers! This fun event generates funding for our church and fosters community engagement.

2023 Fall Fest Lineup

Rummage Sale

Plant Sale

Craft & Vendor Fair

Bake Sale

Concessions

Barrel Raffle

Bean Bag Tournament

Kids' Carnival

Games

Petting Zoo

Grilling

Bingo

Chili Contest

Music

Events start at 8:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

FALL FEST is Saturday, September 23

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

NEW EVENT

Plant sale!



PLEASE SAVE YOUR PLANTS!

Live Music
Jazz, Country and More!

NEW EVENT

Bean Bag Tournament

CASH PRIZES!

More info and registration form on next page!



WANTED!
Craft Beer,
Wine,
Coffee, &
Chocolate!

We're having a barrel raffle and are seeking donations of these items.

NEW EVENT Chili Contest

Members
Only



Bake Sale Donations

The Fall Fest Bake Sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, September 23, at the church. Donations of breads, pies, cakes, cookies and other baked goods are appreciated. Donations of baked goods will be accepted on September 22 at the church. Please list the item and ingredient list. Items will be priced accordingly.



Own a business or know a business owner? We're looking for sponsors and gift cards!

Cleaning out your closet?

Consider donating items to the church! Living Waters is having a rummage sale at Fall Fest on September 23. Proceeds support the church.



Items can be dropped off September 17-20.

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- All sizes of gently used clothing - Clean and laundered; no holes
- Sports Equipment
- Lawn and Garden Tools
- Books
- Children's Toys
- Housewares

Items must be in working condition. No junk, unlaundered clothing with holes, large furniture, or outdated electronics like VCRs or bulky computer monitors.

FALL FEST

Register Today!
\$20 per Team

Rain or Shine
Event
Starts @10 am

Bean Bag Tournament!

Saturday, September 23rd

Living Waters Lutheran Church

2 PERSON TEAMS

50%
1st Place!
25%
2nd Place

- We provide the game boards
- Elimination Tournament
- Prizes

Questions: Contact Tim Wright @ 320-266-8484

Proceeds Benefit Living Waters Lutheran Church Programs

REGISTRATION:

TEAM NAME: _____

Name Player 1: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Name Player 2: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____



God's work. Our hands.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Meet in the narthex at 10:15 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, make milestone rocks for youth, and make cards for the homeless. Sign-up opens soon.

**FOOD SHELF
HOURS**

**TUESDAYS
10AM - NOON**



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.

**SOCIAL
JUSTICE FOR
ALL GOD'S
CHILDREN**

All are welcome to this meeting.

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



“Walk through the Gospel of Mark”



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

“The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God...”

Mark 1:1

We've got some new beginnings taking shape here at Living Waters Lutheran Church. One of them is a 21 day “Walk Through the Gospel of Mark” we'll be embarking on in September. This is how the Gospel of Mark starts out: “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” That's the major beginning for us. And then throughout our lives, there are other new beginnings that happen all the time in the life of Christ followers as a result.

Over the course of a retreat and several meetings of the minds last spring, the Living Waters Church Council proposed new mission statement, “That all would know they are loved by God and are inspired to follow Jesus.” We also landed on three things as the focus over the next couple years: **Small Groups, Youth and Education, Engagement.** Coming up this fall, now, here are some new beginnings which will be taking place in relation to the three areas of focus:

SMALL GROUPS – You are invited to join us for “**Table Talk**” Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning September 10th, Rally Sunday. Pastor Wayne Anderson and I will be leading informal discussion around the **Walk through the Gospel of Mark,**

Then three Small Groups options in October —in homes or a restaurant, at church after W.O.W. worship Wednesdays, and another at the Back Shed Brewery, with the Walk Through

the Gospel of Mark booklets. For other groups that would like to get started with different areas of interest this fall, we'll equip leaders who'd like to get one going. All groups will have the goal for people to grow together in faith.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION – For our fall kick-off, leaders are excited for the theme, “Ready, Set, Move!” with New Testament Bible stories from the Book of Acts.

Sunday School, 10:10 a.m. PreK-3rd graders will meet Sundays this year for classes with their leaders, beginning September 10.

Wednesday Education Pizza at 5:30, Family Night once/month—first one Kick-Off Wednesday, September 13th –parents invited to be there for pizza and a parents' & students' meeting.

H2O 9-12 grade youth group joins with Wednesday classes at “Kids Against Hunger” servant event September 27.

ENGAGEMENT – We want to do all we can to connect people meaningfully with Living Waters.

Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m. and “W.O.W.” 6:00 p.m. Worship on Wednesdays –the more informal Wednesday worship at 6:00 will include songs and videos through Calvary Connect.

Welcome Center updated, continued contacts and invitation for **Shepherd Groups.**

Those are some of great new beginnings all set into motion this fall at Living Waters by THE beginning of the good news of Jesus! Let's get ready, set and move as we follow Jesus!

In Christ,

Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

Music News

Choir Rehearsal Begins September 7

Dear Choir Members,

I surely hope you are enjoying these last weeks of summer. I get excited when fall approaches, and I think of all the fun activities coming my way, namely choir!

Whether you sing for every occasion or join us for our special musicals during Advent and Palm Sunday, you are a valued member of our choir! I know our anthems mean a lot spiritually to the congregation, and that gives our rehearsals a strong sense of purpose.

Thursday, Sept. 7th @ 6:30 PM is our first rehearsal in the sanctuary! It will be a rehearsal and an ice cream social! Be prepared to discuss whether we want to meet at 6:00 from now on or leave it at 6:30. We will also rehearse Thursday, Sept. 14th with the time TBA pending our discussion. We will sing for worship service on Sunday, Sept. 17th. Meet at 8:30 AM and sing for the 9:00 service. There is only one service this fall at 9:00 every Sunday. That's new! Our Advent musical will be Sunday, December 17th so you can mark your calendar now!

Hope to see everybody back for rehearsals! It will be great to sing some of the new music I picked up at the Schmitt Music Choral Clinic this summer! That was awesomely inspiring! Enjoy!

Regards,

Janet Anderson, Choir Director

320-250-5753 — call or text



Watch for the Song of the Month

September's Song of the Month is "There's a New Song Arisin'" by Darrell Evans. This is not a "new" song but fits the theme for launching our fall programming. We hope that this song is one you will enjoy as we will sing it each Sunday with the hope that it becomes familiar.

The Worship Team will introduce the Song of the Month to the congregation.

Why do a Song of the Month? The tune we select may be current and have a text that ties into our lectionary series. Or, it may be either an upbeat, or a reflective hymn that can lend inspiration to our worship service.

We hope that you can look forward to the Song of the Month and it will add to your enjoyment of worship.

Janet Anderson, Worship Leader



Pederson Farm:
5400 Golden Spike Rd., Sauk Rapids



FALL HAYRIDE



Sunday, October 8
1:00 p.m.

Worship and Music Team



Greetings LWLC,

Bring your lawn chairs, blanket, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, friends and family—it is Rally Sunday's outdoor worship service September 10th.

For those interested in knowing what we are planning to sing in worship, here are the September Sunday worship preview of themes and songs.

The September 3rd theme is, *Take up your cross and follow*. Songs are 1) "New Song Arisin," 2) "Step by Step," 3) "Will You Come and Follow Me," 4) "Be Bold, Be Strong."

The September 10th theme is, *Where two or three are gathered*. Songs are 1) "New song Arisin," 2) "This Little Light of Mine," 3) "Down by the Riverside," 4) "Peace Like a River," 5) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

The September 17th theme is, *Forgiveness 70x7*. Songs are 1) "New Song Arisin," 2) "Mighty to Save," 3) "There is a Balm in Gilead," 4) "Glory, Glory Hallelujah."

The September 24th theme is *Parable of the workers in the vineyard*. Songs are 1) "New song Arisin," 2) "My Chains are Gone," 3) "Give Me Jesus," 4) "Shout to the Lord."

Hope that helps you prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Peace,

Brad Giese
Worship and Music Liaison

Outreach Team



Welcome to September and a new season filled with amazing activities throughout our church and the community.

I love everything about fall. What are your favorite activities to do? My favorites are enjoying the colors and visiting apple orchards. I challenge you to get out and enjoy nature this month.

God's Work, Our Hands will be on October 1st this year. We have four ways for you to participate. We will be doing highway cleanup, creating milestone rocks for youth and cards for the homeless, and singing at Good Shepherd Community. We will start our projects right after fellowship—about 10:15 a.m. We have purchased shirts for the event again. If you have a shirt from last year, please bring it for that day.

Upcoming events for the future months are in the planning stages. We are planning on collecting supplies for the homeless and having our Black Friday Food Drive in November. Be on the lookout for what we will be collecting in October.

We also will be Christmas caroling at Good Shepherd and other facilities in December, along with the Living Nativity scene in the Coborn's parking lot. Lots of fun activities planned.

I wish all our students and faculty a great school year.

Blessings,

Leann Giese

Outreach Liaison



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.



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




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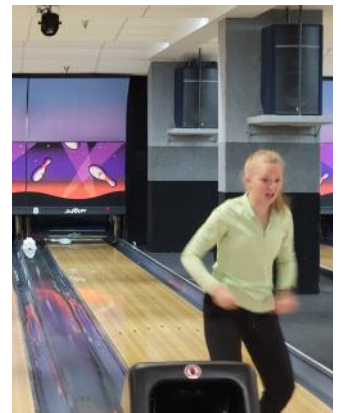
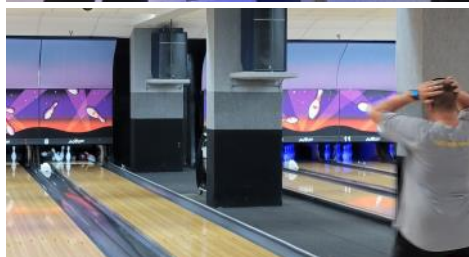

Members and friends of LWLC were among the thousands who attended Celebrate MN August 11-12 at Whitney Park in St. Cloud. The event featured performances by major Christian artists Switchfoot, Zach Williams, Lecrae, Chris Tomlin, Blanca and Christine D'Clario.



 H2O YOUTH GROUP'S

BOWLING *Night*

Teens and chaperones from Living Waters enjoyed an evening at Great River Bowl on August 23.



Worship at LWLC

Sunday Service — 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Service — 6:00 p.m.



FALL Saturday,
Fest September 23
EVENTS START AT 8 A.M.

NEW EVENTS!

Plant sale

In addition to a bake sale and a rummage sale, there will be a plant sale this year! This is an opportunity for you to split your hostas and other plants.

Save
your
plants!

Chili Contest

Sample some delicious chili and vote for your favorite!



Bean Bag Tournament

Get a team together and compete for cash prizes!



Plus...

- Craft & Vendor Fair
- Kids' Carnival with games & animals from the Pederson farm
- Bake Sale
- Rummage Sale
- Bingo
- Concessions
- Raffle

THANK YOU

For your ongoing financial support.



- 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@lwlcmmn.org.
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1911 4th Ave. N.
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

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Upcoming Events

- * **Card-Making/Coffee Group Meets:** Wednesday, September 6, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
- * **Outdoor Worship:** Sunday, September 10, at 9:00 a.m.
- * **Sunday School Starts:** Sunday, September 10, at 10:10 a.m.
- * **Table Talk Starts:** Sunday, September 10, at 10:15 a.m. in sanctuary
- * **Wednesday Education Starts:** Wednesday, September 13. Pizza at 5:30 p.m. followed by WOW Worship with communion and classes
- * **Finance Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, September 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **Church Council Meeting:** Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **Spiritual Wellness Support Group Meeting:** Tuesday, September 26, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **H2O Youth Group:** Wednesday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. Meet at the church for pizza, then carpool to the Kids Fighting Hunger service event in Sauk Rapids
- * **Social Justice For All God's Children Meeting:** Thursday, September 28, at 6 p.m. in the Room of Hope

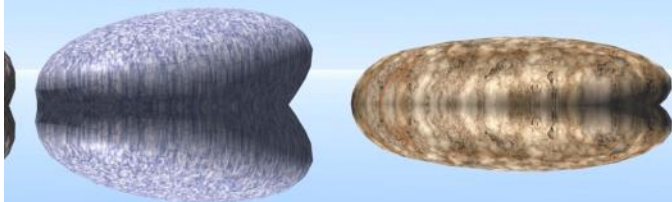


Open to adults seeking peer support with anxiety, depression and loneliness, this group provides an opportunity to walk with others in the Christian faith who are experiencing similar struggles.

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!



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

Fighting Hunger Event



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 Wednesday, September 27. We'll meet at the church for pizza at 5:30 p.m., then team up with other LWLC youth at the Kids Fighting Hunger service event at 6:30.

Check Facebook and the weekly Splash Pad for updates about upcoming H2O events.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

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



Monday

Closed

Contact

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Pastor Jake's Email: pastorjake@lwlcmmn.org

Living Waters Lutheran Church Council

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

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope