

Young People to Share their Experiences of God -- Wed, Jan 9 at 6 pm -- *The congregation is invited to come hear Tricia Walz and several central MN young people come tell about their experiences of God.* They will be speaking to our 4-9th graders and parents, but everyone is welcome to come! Their book will also be available for purchase that night. Here is more information about the book and about what they will be talking about that night:

*"By His Mercy" is a collection of testimonies of how 11 young, ordinary, local, Christians have seen God's extraordinary mercy. Each story is very different — stories of miracles, surviving a plane crash, losing a loved one, discerning a vocation. All of them are very powerful and each of them shows how we have seen God's mercy in our lives. We hope that this book will inspire people to look into their own lives and notice how God has worked and showed them His mercy.*

If you are interested in purchasing the book go to [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) and search for Tricia Walz.

Just a reminder that when you donate to the church, write in the memo what the money is to go towards, such as General Fund, Building Fund, Education, etc.  
**The books for 2018 will be closed on 12/31.**

"Clearing the Air: Making Sense of the Vaping Trend and How to Talk to our Kids About It" -- Parents and all interested adults, please join us on Wed, Jan 2nd at 6:30 pm. There is no kids programming on this night, but parents are invited to come get more information about the current vaping trend, what to look for (different kinds of vapes will be there for you to look at), and how to talk to your kids about it. Community Health Specialist with Benton County Public Health, Brenda Lovitz, will be there to share with us, Please help us spread the word!

**AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!**

Pick up your 2019 copy of DAILY TEXTS, a daily offering of scripture and dwelling on the Word. Books are available in the church office. They are \$8.



Financial Update		
General Fund Year to Date as of 11/30/2018		
Budgeted Offerings	Actual Offerings	Year to Date Variance
\$ 241,408.75	\$ 228,415.47	- \$ 12,993.28
Mortgage Fund Year to Date as of 11/30/2018		
Budgeted Offerings	Actual Offerings	Year to Date Variance
\$ 79,218.33	\$ 76,269.37	- \$ 2,948.96

# Water LIFE

Sunday, Dec 23, 2018

LIVING WATERS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1911 4TH AVE N \* SAUK RAPIDS, MN

## GUEST INFORMATION

*WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!*



**STOP BY THE WELCOME CENTER** FOR INFORMATION ABOUT LIVING WATERS AND GET A BOTTLE OF WATER.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE COMMUNION.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** REQUEST SHEETS ARE FOUND ON THE FRONT OF THE WATERSOURCE BOOK, AND COLLECTED DURING THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

**NEED A HEARING DEVICE?** ASK AN USHER.

**NEED A 'BLESSING BAG'** FOR YOUR CHILD? THEY ARE BY THE NORTH SANCTUARY DOORS -- TAKE ONE!

**NEED A NURSERY?**

ONE IS AVAILABLE DURING THE 2ND SERVICE, FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 & UNDER. AN USHER CAN DIRECT YOU. IF A NURSERY ATTENDANT IS ON DUTY, YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE YOUR CHILD(REN) AND PICK THEM UP DURING COMMUNION AS THEY ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD DURING COMMUNION FOR A BLESSING.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERING DURING WORSHIP:**

KIDS ARE WELCOME TO COME UP FRONT DURING THE OFFERING AND PUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE GLOBE: COINS, AN ITEM FOR THE FOOD SHELF, A PICTURE THEY'VE DRAWN THAT WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW THIS MORNING...

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE NEWSLETTER, ONLINE OR ELSEWHERE IN THE WATERLIFE.



**1** FREE Christmas Day Dinner for you and yours on Tuesday, December 25 at noon. Please share this invitation with others.

## 2 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**AT THE BARN** (5400 Golden Spike Rd) Noon, 1:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:30 pm  
**AT THE CHURCH** 6:00 & 11:00 pm

**3 DEC 30** THERE WILL BE JUST ONE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM. **1**



**4** Thank you to everyone who helped with the Sunday School Christmas Program!

**5** May you have a Blessed and Merry Christmas! From the LWLC staff.



# This Week

**Mon, Dec 24** Journey Reading: Deut 9:8-12:28  
 Noon Christmas Eve in a Barn service  
 1:30 pm Christmas Eve in a Barn service  
 3:00 pm Christmas Eve in a Barn service  
 4:30 pm Christmas Eve in a Barn service  
 6:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve service  
 11:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve service

**Tue, Dec 25** Journey Reading: Deut 12:29—17:9  
 Noon Christmas Day Dinner

**Wed, Dec 26** Journey Reading: Deut 17:1-22:8  
 Office Closed  
 7:30 pm NA

**Thurs, Dec 27** Journey Reading: Deut 22:9-26:18  
 7:00 pm AA and AI Anon

**Fri, Dec 28** Journey Reading: Deut 26:19-31:23  
 9:30 am Newsletter mailing

**Sat, Dec 29** Journey Reading: Deut 31:24-32:21

**Sun, Dec 30** Journey Reading: Deut 32:222-34:12  
 9:00 am Worship Service  
 10:00 am Hospitality

Help is needed on Friday, December 28 at 9:30 am with the newsletter mailing.

A reminder to council members that your reports are due to the church office by January 11.

January 13 is *Baptism of our Lord Sunday*. It is a Sunday in which we renew our baptism and recognize all those baptized in 2018. Parents of baptized children will receive their child's baptism shell.

## PRAY FOR COMFORT OR HEALING

Sean Falk (member)  
 Dennis Stavos (member)  
 John (brother-in-law of an LWLC member)  
 Kevin McGraw (brother of Janel Paulsen)  
 Bill Sanders (cousin of Katie Rohling)  
 Melissa (sister of Vicky Busse)  
 Evelyn Bade (aunt of Elizabeth Neigum)  
 Cindy Nouis (daughter of Howard & Shirley Bird)  
 Jennifer Thorsten (member)  
 Melissa (friend of Ellen Howe)  
 Dan Robbins (brother in law of Marion Robbins & uncle of Tammy Weis)  
 Mary Halquist (sister of Katie Rohling)  
 Doug (friend of Fossums)  
 Louise Keller (mother of Sheila Abraham)  
 Karen Lenz (grandmother of Marizza Lenz)  
 Dan Peine (friend of James LeMieur)  
 Doris Ulrich (mother of Brian Ulrich)  
 Family of Ryan & Joanna Hacker (friends of James LeMieur)  
 Steve Loch (friend of Lisa Anderson)  
 Bruce Teal (brother of Chuck Teal)  
 Linda (friend of Jeff & Sue Fossum)  
 Pat Teal (sister-in-law of Chuck Teal)  
 Cheryl Johnson (daughter of Ellen Howe)

Jerry Mayers (relative of Lisa Anderson)  
 Vicki Abraham (mother of Terry Abraham)  
 Brian Kuseske (cousin to Nancy Lunde)

Keep in your prayers the family of Greg Klinefelter whose father passed away.

Keep in your prayers those in the Armed Forces

Nathaniel Stidmon (member)  
 Channing Levig (grandson of Doug & Wanda Bruns)  
 Patrick Keller (nephew of Sheila & Terry Abraham)  
 Isaac Jacobson (nephew of Brenda Wright)  
 Aaron Jacobson (nephew of Brenda Wright)

If you wish to send Christmas greetings to Nathaniel Stidmon his address is:

Nathaniel Stidmon  
 USS Ronald Reagan  
 CVN-76  
 Unit 100197  
 Box 2845  
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## LWLC MISSION STATEMENT

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

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## Christmas Day Dinner

Don't have plans on Christmas Day?  
 Don't want to cook?  
 Don't want the clean up?  
 Want to be in the company of others?  
 Maybe you know someone who would answer yes to one of the above questions?

The reason doesn't matter;  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

**Tuesday, December 25**  
**Gather at 11:00 am \* Dine at NOON**  
**Rides are available within the area.**  
**Call church office for more info**  
**(320) 255-1135.**

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Rosemalers!  
 We will be getting together to paint an 8 inch plate on Saturday, Jan 5 at 10:00 am. Contact Patti for more information.