



LIVING WATERS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

Mission: "That all would know they are loved by God and are inspired to follow Jesus."

New Council Members Elected

At the Feb. 2 Annual Meeting, members of Living Waters elected three members to terms on the Church Council: John Fuls, Christin Johnson and Tauna Quimby.

Dan Pederson is serving as Congregational President, Todd Muehlbauer as Vice President, Carolyn Neubauer as Secretary, and Mary Soroko as Treasurer.

2025 Council members are: John Fuls, Christin Johnson, Todd Muehlbauer, Carolyn Neubauer, Dan Pederson, Kelli Pederson, Tauna Quimby, Josh Rock, Kirsten Stiegel, AJ Wolbeck and DeNetta Wolbeck.

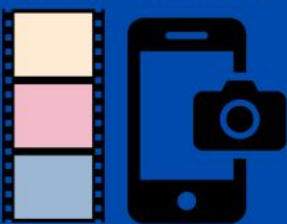
Thank you to outgoing Council members Leann Giese and Brian Ulrich for their years of service.



New Photo Directory in the Works!

So far, we have received photos from 42 member households. We need photos from at least 100 more! Please submit to the office by April 1.

Email photos to: church@lwlcmmn.org



Ash Wednesday March 5

6:00 pm Service

(No soup supper that evening.)

Wednesdays of Lent

5:00 Soup Supper

6:00 Service

6:30 Youth Education

March 12 March 19

March 26 April 2

April 9



Lenten Movie Series Begins March 9

Living Waters is launching a six-week Lenten movie series beginning March 9!

Every Sunday afternoon at 2:00, a Christian-based movie will be shown at the church. Discussion on the movie will take place the following Wednesday evening after the 6:00 Lenten service.

The movies that will be shown are:

March 9: 90 Minutes in Heaven

March 16: Ordinary Angels

March 23: The Shack

March 30: Mom's Night Out

April 6: Slum Dog Millionaire

April 13: One Life

More information on page 3.



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John Fuls



Christin Johnson



Todd Muehlbauer



Carolyn Neubauer



Dan Pederson



Kelli Pederson



Tauna Quimby



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DeNetta Wolbeck



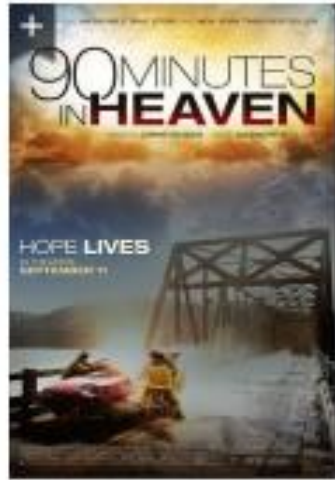
Mary Soroko
Church Treasurer

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lenten Movie Series Lineup

Showtimes: Sundays at 2:00 pm during Lent

Discussion: Wednesdays after the 6:00 pm Lenten service



Week 1 - Discussing March 12th



Week 2 - Discussing March 19th



Week 3 - Discussing March 26th



Week 4 - Discussing April 2nd



Week 5 - Discussing April 9th



Week 6 - Discussing April 17th*

SAVE THE DATE



Spring Fling



**BAKE SALE | PLANT SALE
RUMMAGE SALE | CONCESSIONS
May 3rd, 2025**

Save the Date— Saturday, May 3rd is the LWLC Spring Fling Fundraiser!

We will have a Bake Sale, Plant Sale, Concessions & Rummage Sale!

Save your stuff! Please consider donating your treasures—gently used items, clean and laundered items— for the rummage sale. (No junk, please.) We will need bakers and donations of plants as well!

*Drop-off for Rummage Sale items is Sunday, April 27th.



Please submit a photo for our member directory.

Please email a recent picture of yourself or your family to the church office at church@lwlcmmn.org. We would like to update our church software with recent photos for each household, and we would like to print an updated Living Waters Lutheran Church photo directory. Thanks!



H2O YOUTH EVENT SNOW TUBING @ POWDER RIDGE



We'll have pizza at the church at 12:30, then carpool to Powder Ridge in Kimball for snow tubing from 3-5 pm.

MARCH 9, 2025

All 7th-12th grade youth welcome! Cost: \$10 (over half off regular price). Bring a friend! Call the church at 320-255-1155 or email church@lwlcmmn.org if you plan to go!



Did your phone number, email address or mailing address change recently?

If so, please let the church office know so we can update it in our member records system. Call 320-255-1135 or email church@lwlcmmn.org.



Mission: reach out with God's love through word and deed to encourage Christian development.

Mary's Mermaids meets for coffee and conversation from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Wednesday of the month at the church and from 10 a.m. to noon all other Wednesdays at Coborn's Deli in Sauk Rapids. Their fundraisers support youth education.



Brewery Bunch is a casual adult study group that meets at local breweries/distilleries.

The Brewery Bunch will take a six-week break during Lent and resume in late April.

April 22 @ Iron Street ~ April 29 @ Pantown

May 6 @ Pantown ~ May 13 @ Molitor's

May 20 @ Iron Street



Women at the Well

Women of all ages are welcome to join this new group! Women at the Well will focus on fellowship, creativity, and service. We will meet one evening a month, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., through May in the Life & Learning Center. Text 320-492-4074 to be included on the group text for upcoming meetings and activities.



March Calendar

- * **Sunday Worship:** March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd at 9 am. All are welcome!
- * **Mary's Mermaids Meet:** March 5th from 10 am to noon
- * **Lenten Soup Suppers:** March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th from 5:00 to 6:00 in the Life & Learning Center.
- * **Lenten Services:** March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th at 6:00 pm
- * **Wednesday Education:** March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th at 6:30 pm. Youth are encouraged to attend the soup supper at 5:30 pm and the Lenten Service at 6:00 pm
- * **Table Talk:** March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th at 10 am in the fellowship area
- * **Choir Practice:** March 13th, 20th, 27th at 6:00 pm
- * **Finance Committee Meeting:** March 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **Church Council Meeting:** March 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope
- * **Marriage Group:** March 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Hope

Marriage Ministry Group

4th Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. **NOTE: March meeting is 5th Sunday**

Next Gathering: March 30 in the Room of Hope.

All married couples welcome!



TABLE TALK



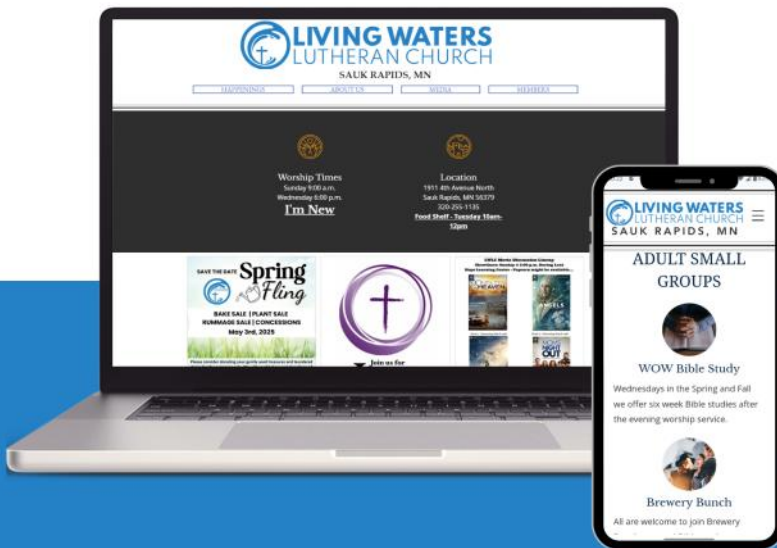
Starts March 9, 2025; 10:15 am

This adult Sunday discussion group will meet in the fellowship area behind the sanctuary.

www.lwlcmmn.org

We have a new website!

SAME URL, NEW DESIGN.
LIVE NOW! CHECK IT OUT!



Huge thanks to Dan Pederson for his many hours of hard work in building and designing the new site!

Subscribe to News Updates!

Mobile

Visit www.lwlcmmn.org.

At the top of the homepage, tap on the collapsed menu icon (three horizontal lines).

Tap “Recent Posts” (third down on the dropdown list).

Enter your email address, and tap/click “Submit.”

Desktop

Visit www.lwlcmmn.org.

At the top of the homepage, hover over the “Happenings” tab on the far left. Click on “Recent Posts” at the top of the dropdown list.

Enter your email address, and tap/click “Submit.”

Worship Assistant Sign-Up



Ushers, Greeters, Communion Assistants, etc. needed for Sunday and Wednesday services. Visit www.lwlcmmn.org and click “Sign Ups” at the top of the page, or scan the QR codes. Scan the QR code on the left to sign up for a Sunday service and the code on the right for a Wednesday service.



You Are One



Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

In a church like Living Waters we are one People together in the Body of Christ. Jesus pulls people together into one Church on Earth, and even in times throughout history when people experience many differences in this world we live in, this is a truth that we hold onto. Pastor and writer Al Rogness in *The Word for Every Day*, writes,

We can deny our oneness. But, like it or not, we are one. We are one, great human family. Each human being on earth has one heart, one brain, two lungs, two eyes, two feet. We are all created by the same God who already has claimed us all as his children... We can deny that we are one, and we do. We divide into races, into nations, into groups of all kind. This denial is futile, for we are created to be one.

We who have allowed Christ to capture us are another group, his body on earth. We are his church. As a smaller circle rests within a larger, the Christian church lives within the larger circle of humanity. We do long lie alongside the rest of humanity. We are at once human and Christian... The

variables that separate us are the accidents of our existence—birth, fortune, color, nationality—to a certain extent, even creeds. Overarching all our diversity, and pervading them all, is the fact and the blessing of a great oneness.

Theologian Karl Barth once said something to the effect of, "The Church is a provisional display of God's original intention for humanity." May we show the world around us a way of being friends that can't happen anywhere else in the same way, because we are inspired by the Holy Spirit who brings us together to be Church in every age.

Our Wednesday Lenten services begin March 5th with the Ash Wednesday worship at 6:00 p.m. Then the following weeks we're all invited to Soup Suppers at 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday services at 6:00 p.m. Once again, Living Waters members will share their faith stories each week and we will reflect on the theme, "A Question I'd Like to Ask God."

Wednesday Ed classes continue through Lent, starting March 12th at 6:30 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation also meets every week through Lent. Kelli Pederson is also teaching Confirmation. Interviews with Pastor Jake will be each week—sign up in the church office for times.

Your Servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jake Dyrhaug". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

Pastoral Care

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Education Update

During March, our kids will be attending the Wednesday Lent services as part of the education program. Following the service, youth will be catching up on church milestones and participating in service projects. Volunteers are needed to help with projects each week. Please consider joining us!

Kirsten Stiegel
Education Liaison



Wednesday Education Schedule

First of all thank you all for your commitment to our youth!

- We will continue to collect hygiene products as our service project.
- Services during Lent are part of the Confirmation program. We will have guest speakers during our Lenten services and invite all of us to look at what gifts others are sharing, and look to find the God given gifts and talents each of us have.
- During Lent we will also have the 7-9th graders meet with either Pastor Jake or Kelli Pederson to touch base. A sign up sheet will be available soon.
- We are also looking for donations to make kinetic sand for the Early Childhood program. We need colored play sand or regular play sand (10-20 pounds) , cornstarch (2 large boxes), 1 large bottle vegetable oil needed.
- Remember ALL ARE WELCOME at Wednesday night services!!

Feb 19	Pizza at 5:30	Service at 6	Lesson
Feb 26	Pizza 5:30	Service 6	Lesson
March 5	Ash Wednesday	Service at 6	(no pizza)
March 12	Soup supper At 5:30	Service at 6	MENTOR NIGHT - invite your mentor!
March 19	Soup supper At 5:30	Service at 6	Inspiring others activity Making kinetic sand for early childhood program. Donations of sand, cornstarch and oil are welcome!
March 26	Soup supper At 5:30	Service at 6	Milestone presentation on Baptism by Pastor Jake
April 2	Soup supper At 5:30	Service at 6	Milestone - 10 Commandments Adult VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to lead stations. Easy and fun!
April 9	Soup supper at 5:30	Service at 6	Milestone - Lord's Prayer And kindness activity
April 16	No class	Holy Week	Services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
April 23	Pizza 5:30	Service at 6	Lesson
April 30	Pizza at 5:30	Service at 6	Lesson
May 7	Pizza at 5:30	Service at 6	Lesson
May 14	Pizza at 5:30	Service at 6	Trivia Night!

Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School is for PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students. It is held after Sunday morning worship in the Life & Learning Center at LWLC.

March 2:
No Class

March 9:
Class at 10:10 am in Classroom D

March 16:
Class at 10:10 am in Classroom D

March 23:
Class at 10:10 am in Classroom D

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

Christ in Our Home books are available at LWLC! *Christ in Our Home* is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. The books are available at the Welcome Center, while supplies last. Limit 1 per family.



Living Waters Senior Choir

Practices on March 13, March 20 and March 27 at 6:00 pm. New members are welcome to join!



Reminder:

This is a Nut-Aware & Latex-Free Complex. Thank you in advance for your efforts to ensure the safety of those with sensitivities.



By Recycling, you can 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!

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.
- 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 (e.g. mortgage, general fund, food shelf).

2024-2025 Servant Team Schedule

Team	Team Leader(s)	Last Name Starts With	Servant Months
Team 1	Tom & Cheri Satre	A through Cr	April 2024 and November 2024
Team 2	Teresa Szymanski	Cu through Gunderson, D	May 2024 and December 2024
Team 3	Jen Kiewel	Gunderson, J through Koskinen, D	June 2024 and January 2025
Team 4	Tim Wright	Koskinen, S through Moon	July 2024 and February 2025
Team 5	Bonnie Raduns	Moor through Rock, J	August 2024 and March 2025
Team 6	Terry Sylvester	Rock, K through Sz	September 2024 and April 2025
Team 7	Darryl Torrin	T through Z	October 2024 and May 2025

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Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm

Worship at LWLC

Sunday Service — 9:00 am

Watch the Livestream on
Facebook at Living Waters

Lutheran Church SR

Wednesday Service — 6 pm
during Youth Education.

FOOD SHELF HOURS

TUESDAYS
10AM - NOON



Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

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

Monday

Closed



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Living Waters Nursery

The Nursery is open during worship, but it is not staffed.

Please stay with your child.

