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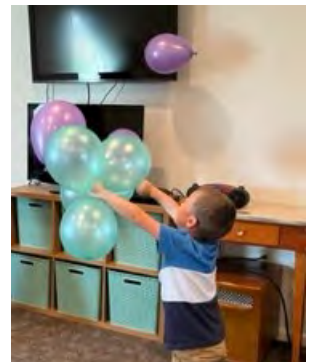
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## Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday was on September 10. It was a great day to celebrate the start of the 23-24 Sunday School year. It was a fun filled day with games and activities for everyone and a light lunch following worship.





Thank you to Ron & Linda Anderson and Howard & Marcia Heine for the beautiful cross and special thanks to Ron and Howard for hanging it. The cross is hanging in the north room which will be a chapel atmosphere for families to gather for funerals.



## A Message from Our Council President

Last month I mentioned the formation of a "Space Needs Committee" to research what our church physical needs are now and what we will need in the future. Steve Strege has agreed to head that committee. We will be looking for people to assist with that research. In the not too distant future we will be asking people for assistance on that committee. If asked, please prayerfully consider helping.

Dave Wagner will be attending the annual LCMC gathering. This year the gathering is near St. Louis, MO. One of the tasks we have given Dave is to represent Living Word Lutheran Church and see if he can locate candidates for our pastoral position. Please pray that his travels are safe and successful.

There has been some painting done in the

parking lot in the vicinity of the basketball standard. The idea is to not park in that area so the basketball area can be used by those wanting to play. It also may be a good idea to park even a little further away due to the likelihood our basketball players aren't as proficient as we would like them to be. If you haven't done so, check out the fire pit. The fire pit was Gabe Beckman's Boy Scout project. If you decide to use it, do so with caution.

Our youth have been the recipients of some hard work done by some hard working church members. Please help them with what they need and if you have some youth, see to it they have the opportunity to attend.

## A Message from the Business Manager

NEW from your Business Manager:  
I thought I would explain this new position. This position was created so there would be more consistency with the church finances and administrative functions. As a new Treasurer comes in it takes quite some time for them to know all the church financial business and things are sometimes missed along the way. With the progression of our church, the council thought this was necessary, along with the appointment of an investment committee. These positions do not have a term limit on them for obvious reasons.

I will be responsible for all accounting functions

and procedures and will report to the council. All financial matters should be directed to me. This will also free up Lisa Aker's time for more support to the congregation and to our Pastor. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, requests or concerns. I am looking forward to serving our church in this capacity and ask for your prayers.

God bless you all !!

Kelly Peterson  
605-237-0316



# YOUTH NEWS

Dynamic Disciples is in full swing and we are having so much fun learning about God and his creation. The children have learned about spiders, Adam & Eve, and Noah and the Ark. We have had themed snacks and fun outdoor activities! We are so thankful that we have a great high school helper, TJ, and adult volunteers Karen and Kelly! Dynamic Disciples are blessed to have such a supportive congregation for this new adventure. We could use some juice boxes/pouches, small bottles of water, and baby/hand wipes to keep our hands clean after snacks and projects! It is such a joy to share God's word with our children at Living Word! Be a Blessing!



The fire pit can be used by Living Word members anytime. It does not need to be a scheduled event. At least one adult member needs to be present. The church needs to be notified so that it doesn't get double booked.



# LIVING WORD LUTHERAN WOMEN



Sharing the Truth in Love, 3 John, was our Bible Study topic this month. One cannot be without the other. God's Truth, His Gospel message, are gifts to be shared, always in Love. May we be beacons of His light to everyone we meet.

Several of our LWLW women attended the Augustana District WOW



Conference on September 16th in Springfield, MN. Our theme was Faith over Fear. God calls us to put our complete trust in

Him every day!

What a wonderful experience it was as we joined in worship, listen to mission pastors as our speakers, enjoyed fellowship and laughter with 78 women in our District.

There were also three groups joining in by Zoom. One group was from New York!

Please mark your calendars to attend next year's conference in Hutchinson on September 21st.



May you be blessed as we enter a new season. Fall is such a beautiful time of the year. Seize every day!

Your sister in Christ,  
Sue DeJong, LWLW Coordinator



Left to right: Jennifer Howey, vice-coordinator; Diane Anderson, Treasurer; Jan Kreie, Coordinator; Marcia Heinje, Secretary; Diane Anderson, Member At Large; Sue DeJong, Member At Large; and Jodi Dalsgaard, coordinator ex-officio.



## PASTOR'S LETTER

# Exciting things

Dear families of Living Word,



As I greet you in this newsletter, I am preparing to be away for a couple of weeks. My husband and I are anticipating a

wonderful trip to Israel where we will see so many of the places where Jesus walked and taught during his earthly ministry. I hope to be able to share some of those things in pictures when we return.

Many exciting things have been taking place at Living Word. We are especially excited to begin a pilot program, *Dynamic Disciples*. Currently, the program is serving children from Living Word every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 – 5:00, but if things move forward positively, consideration is being given to making this a five-day-a-week program next Fall. This type of program is desperately needed in our community, so this pilot program is a great way for Living Word to see if this is a way they can serve beyond our own congregation.

The Church Council is actively studying the space needs of the congregation. There are many indications that this may be the time to move forward with an addition to the

church building. They have received verbal and written requests to begin this process. I would ask that you prayerfully consider this possibility as it would make younger families aware of what we have to offer at Living Word; and it may well offer an incentive for a young pastor to join us and be involved in programming this new space would accommodate.

As you read this, Dave Wagner will be representing Living Word at the Annual Convention of the LCMC in St. Charles, MO. He is prepared to meet with seminaries and their placement personnel, offering information about Living Word and the need for a full-time permanent pastor. Please pray for safe travel for him and for his success as he seeks a new pastor for this church.

It is a blessing to serve as your interim pastor! I appreciate you so much! It has been a joy to watch so many step up to help at this time. Please continue to pray for all of the programs of the church, especially those who come for Sunday School and Confirmation that they have a positive learning experience.

In Christian love,  
Pastor Melanie





# COUNCIL MINUTES

## LWLC COUNCIL MEETING REPORT SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gene Vostad, Pastor Melanie, Steve Strege, Marty Buttke, Dale Prisinger, Sandy Christensen, Moe Reede, Kelly Peterson, Rhonda Beckman and Tina Balling. Laurie Maas was also present.

**OPENING:** Pastor gave the opening prayer and devotion.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Kelly made a motion, and it was seconded by Steve to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Kelly made a motion, and it was seconded by Moe to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Kelly assumed her duties as business manager September 1<sup>st</sup>. Steve made a motion, and it was seconded by Rhonda to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

### Financial Report: August 2023

Income	\$15,051.52
Expenses	\$ 9,315.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,736.23</b>

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor reported that Rally Sunday went well. There are two students starting confirmation classes. Dynamic Disciples started today. Dale made a motion, and it was seconded by Sandy to print 1000 brochures about our church. Motion carried. A space needs/dream questionnaire is being made. Visitations are going well. Steve made a motion to accept the Pastor's report and it was seconded by Moe. Motion carried.

**PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT:** A new heat pump was installed. Brackets for the ladders and shovels were put up in the Den. New shades were donated and installed by Dale and Linda in the conference room and the Pastor's office. One hundred feet of snow fence has been purchased and will be put up soon. The bathroom for the Den is tabled. Kelly made a motion, and it was seconded by Moe to approve the Property & Management report. Motion carried.

**WORSHIP & EVANGELISM:** An article will be written on youth education available at LWLC. The brochure and business cards will be printed for Dave Wagner to take to the LCMC conference. A motion was made by Moe and seconded by Kelly to approve the Worship & Evangelism report. Motion carried.

**YOUTH & EDUCATION:** They are working on some ideas. Any thoughts/ideas are appreciated. Steve made a motion, and it was seconded by Marty to accept the report. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The nominating committee comprised of Ron Anderson, Lance Bien and Deb Buttke will be looking for possible council members to replace Dale, Marty and Rhonda at the end of their term. If anyone has someone in mind, please give their names to the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It is suggested that when we start looking at a new phone system that we get one that will accommodate email to text. Midwest Fire & Safety will start checking the fire extinguishers, emergency lights and exit signs starting in November. A new chair will be needed when we get a new pastor. We will need to start looking at the budget for next year. Annual reports will need to be sent to Lisa by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Laurie Maas reported on the Dynamic Disciples. She is looking into a sign for the Den. Rhonda made a motion to purchase a smart tv from Pastor for the Den and it was seconded by Kelly. Motion carried. Laurie will check on early out days at school. A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Moe to approve TJ Wojahn as a helper for Dynamic Disciples. Motion carried. Tim DeJong will be gone February and March. Pastor Melanie will be gone November 2-12. A sex trafficking program will be held at American Lutheran October 24<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Moe and seconded by Sandy to make a donation to Call to Freedom for this program. Motion carried. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Marty to revise the wording that is required for approval by the mission board. The wording will change to "mission projects **over** \$500 will need to get council approval". Motion carried.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** The next council meeting is scheduled for October 18th at 7pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Steve to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

# October 2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Communion 3:30 Mercy Meals @ OGT	2	3	4 3:30 Confirmation 3:30 Dynamic Disciples	5 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	6	7
8	9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/noisy change 11:00 Chapel/Communion	9 <b>Columbus Day Church &amp; Office Closed</b>	10 9:00 Quilting	11 3:30 Confirmation 4:00 Food Giveaway 7:00 Council	12 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship 1:30 Impact meets	13	14
15	9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:00 November Servant Team meets 10:00 Worship	16	17 9:00 Faith Circle meets 7:00 Love Circle meets	18 3:30 Confirmation 3:30 Dynamic Disciples	19 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	20 <b>ALL ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b>	21
22	9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship	23 <b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE</b>	24 9:00 Quilting	25 3:30 Confirmation 3:30 Dynamic Disciples	26 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	27	28
29	<b>Reformation Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Communion	30	31				

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		2	3 Sandra Christensen (b.) Glenn Nelson (b.) Doug & Annette Redepinning (w.) Nadine Veen (b.) Robert Yaeger (b.)	4 Terry Forster (b.) Vicky Hedge (b.) Elyse Reede (b.) Donna Rehn (b.)	5	6	7 Paul Anderson (b.) Robert & Barbara Hornstein (w.)
8	Harold Zeigler (b.)	9 Amanda Hansen (b.)	10	11 Lillian Trapp (b.)	12 Cheryl Gullickson (b.)	13	14
15	Pam Nelson (b.)	16 Jeffrey Berger (b.) Aaron Meister (b.)	17 Moe Reede (b.)	18 Kohen Cramer (b.) Eric Hansen (b.) Bobby Kinder (b.) Mark & Darla Loeschke (w.)	19 Janice Beck (b.) Jacob Sandvig (b.)	20	21 Robert & Marguretta Yaeger (w.)
22		23	24 Bruce Larson (b.)	25 Rochelle Reede (b.)	26	27	28 Lois Norris (b.)
29		30 Marguretta Yaeger (b.)	31				

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