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LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Welcome, Pastor Curtis and Michelle Simonson

On Sunday, November 10, the Living Word Church family welcomed its new pastor!

The over two-year search for a pastor culminated in this exciting day!

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If you were unable to be present on installation Sunday, you are encouraged to come meet Pastor Curtis.

Pastor Curtis has been a teacher and coach and is looking forward to getting acquainted with everyone. He is anxious to meet the youth of the church and begin planning for an active youth program! Living Word is his first pastorate although he has been heavily involved in the church they attended in Illinois.

**We are thankful God
has chosen to send
Pastor Curtis
to
Living Word Lutheran Church.
We pray God's blessing
upon his ministry.**

A live nativity at the crosses
is planned for
Sunday, December 15,
from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

More details will be coming soon.



Advent Services

Due to a late Thanksgiving this year, there will only be three mid-week Advent services with the first to be held on **Wednesday, December 4.** For our first service, the Council members will be serving soup and sandwiches beginning at 5:30 p.m. Worship will follow at 6:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend during this season of remembering and celebrating the arrival of Jesus.

CPR & AED Defibrillator Training

The Church Council has scheduled a CPR and AED Defibrillator training session at the church on **Thursday, December 12, at 7:00 pm.**

If you are interested in learning these skills or refreshing your skills in CPR, first aid, and use of the defibrillator, please contact the church office so we can plan for the number in attendance.

Bible Study Opportunity

Pastor Simonson will be presenting the Bible study series “**The Chosen**” at the church on Thursday evenings beginning **December 19** from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Invite a friend to attend this series and learn more about the life of Jesus and those who followed Him on His walk on earth.

Benefit for Kimber Downes

A benefit for 5-year-old Kimber Downes, recently diagnosed with cancer, will be held on **Saturday, January 11, 2025,** from **4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Milbank School.**

Kimber faces 42 weeks of chemotherapy and cannot attend large gatherings due to the risk of infection. This benefit is an opportunity for us to support her and her family during this challenging time.

Our church will be contributing bars for the benefit.
The benefit organizers are seeking **Silent Auction items.** If you’d like to contribute an item for the auction, your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

For more information or questions, please contact
Anne Lester at **(218) 639-2134** or **anne.lester@kl2.sd.us.**

Let’s come together to support Kimber and her family with our prayers, presence, and contributions.
Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Honoring Our Veterans

On Sunday, November 10, our congregation came together to honor the brave men and women who have served or are currently serving in the military. As a token of our gratitude, each veteran in attendance received a gold coin to symbolize our heartfelt thanks for their dedication and sacrifice. If you are a veteran and were unable to join us or did not receive a coin, we would be delighted to ensure you receive one. Please contact the church office, and we will make arrangements to get a coin to you. We are deeply grateful for your service to our country. Thank you for your courage and commitment to protecting our freedoms.



True North VBS: Trusting God in a Wild World

We are thrilled to announce this year's Vacation Bible School theme: **True North—Trusting God in a Wild World!** This exciting program will guide our youth to discover how Jesus is our ultimate True North, leading us through life's adventures. To help bring this theme to life, we're on the hunt for **artificial Christmas trees** and **white lights**. If you have any artificial trees you no longer need, or extra white lights lying around, we'd be so grateful if you could donate them to support this program. Your contributions will help transform our space into a wild and wonderful world where children can explore faith and grow closer to God. We can't wait to share this incredible experience with our youth and teach them to trust in Jesus as their compass through life. Thank you for helping us make this vision a reality!

Prayer Partners: Supporting Our Children in Faith

We are so grateful for everyone who has chosen to partner in prayer for a child from our congregation this year. Your commitment to praying for and supporting these young ones is a beautiful demonstration of God's love in action. Some of you have asked if there's more you can do for your prayer partners beyond prayer. Absolutely! You are welcome to send them a card, a note of encouragement, or even a small gift to remind them how much they are valued by God and their church family. Simple gestures like these can have a lasting impact on their hearts and faith journey. Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that there will be a special **Prayer Partners Get-Together** in May. This event will bring together the children and their prayer partners for a time of fellowship and celebration of this meaningful connection. Thank you for being a blessing to the next generation! Your prayers and encouragement make a difference.

Sunday School: Wrapping Up and Gearing Up for Christmas!

Our Sunday School children are finishing up their special series, **The Four Presents of Christmas**, on **November 24**. Through these lessons, they've been learning about the real presents of Christmas, which turned out to be a **scroll**, **diapers**, a **police siren**, and a **globe**. Each gift has a meaningful lesson behind it—be sure to ask the children what they've discovered!

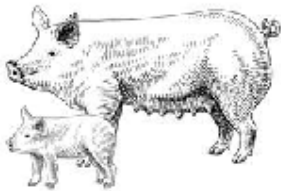
Please note that there will be **no Sunday School on December 1**. As we move into December, the children will be focusing on preparing for the **Christmas program**, which will take place during the church service on **Sunday, December 15**. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of the season and the talents of our young ones. Be sure to invite family and friends to join us for this heartwarming event! We're so proud of our Sunday School kids and can't wait to see them share the story of Christmas with our congregation. Thank you for supporting their faith journey!



PIGS FOR PASTORS CHOSEN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

The PIGS for PASTORS program of Awakening Lives to World Missions has been chosen by the Education Committee as the recipient of the Sunday School offering this year.

Should you wish to join in support of their efforts, the Little Red Barn will be located in the fellowship hall for financial gifts.



PIGS FOR PASTORS

- ❖ Goal to raise \$1900-2000
- ❖ Buys shelter, sow, 10 piglets and feed.
- ❖ For Pastor to have small pig farm to support his family.



Heart for Mission Laos -Thailand, a ministry of ALWM, exists to support the churches of Laos, Thailand, and the Mekong Region of Southeast Asia. It has been serving the Mekong Region since 2009. Heart for Mission is co-directed by Pr. Tom & Pr. Deuane

Thorstad. Pr Tom is on the LCMC & NALC Clergy Rosters, and is a Global Worker of the NALC.

LAOS

- Population: 7.6 million
- Communist govt since 1975
- Buddhism and Animism: 96%
- Christianity: 3%

LAO EVANGELICAL CHURCH (LEC)

- Started ministry in the early 1990's with only two churches in the Capital city. Only 26 Christians remained.
- In the whole country, less than 15,000 Christians,
 - with less than 150 churches.
- As of now, there are 1,400 churches and house churches in every province all over Laos

Growing Church

- New churches are opened every year
 - Last year alone almost 100 new churches were opened.
- Last year about 43,000 people heard the Gospel,
- People get converted every day;
 - about 10,000 people received Christ
- People baptized every week.
 - Last year about 4,000 got baptized.
- Now over 15,000 Christian in Vientiane
- Christian population in Laos is now about 250,000 people. (from 15,000 in 1990)

Challenges Facing the LAO EVANGELICAL CHURCH (LEC)

- Many churches in Laos cannot be self-supporting
- Most pastors are not fully supported.
- Cannot follow up all new believers.
- Not enough pastors and workers.



Social & Community Development

- Lao Evangelical Church (LEC) has a major impact on social work and rural development throughout Laos.
- Strengthens good relationship between Church leadership and local authorities.
- Involved with the life of the community through social development programs and services.





DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

Dynamic Disciples Christmas Series: Christ Is Christmas

Dynamic Disciples is filled with excitement as we dive into our special four-week Christmas series, **Christ Is Christmas-Science Style**. This series helps our children explore the true meaning of the season, focusing on the love, joy, and hope that Jesus brings to our lives.



As part of our Christmas series, the children will have a special opportunity to spread holiday cheer by visiting a local nursing home on **December 4**. During the visit, they will decorate cookies and play bingo with the residents, sharing Christ's love through acts of kindness and fellowship.

Our final day of Dynamic Disciples for the year will be on **December 11**, and we'll celebrate with a fun and festive event to close out this wonderful season together.

We are so proud of our Dynamic Disciples and grateful for the opportunity to help them grow in their faith during this joyful season. Let's keep these young hearts and their leaders in prayer as they learn, share, and reflect on the wonder of God's greatest gift.



**Merry Christmas from
Dynamic Disciples—where
Christ is always at the center!**



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN WOMEN



SAINT LUCIA

It is time for our annual **Saint Lucia** celebration! This year's gathering will be held on **Saturday, December 14, beginning at 9:30 am**. We invite all women of Living Word and others in the community to attend this event and enjoy Swedish pastries, including tea rings, homemade rye bread, and ginger cookies, along with the traditional Swedish fruit soup and cheeses. Special music, a short program of Christmas stories, and the singing of carols will help to prepare your heart for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Please sign up to attend for yourself and guests on a sheet in the dining room beginning on December 1. A committee of LWLW officers is planning the gathering but they will need workers to help with decorating and setting up tables on Friday afternoon, along with working in the kitchen before and after the gathering, which lasts about an hour. It is our gift to the community as well as to our church members, so please encourage others to attend.

LWLVW will be having a LWLVW Christmas Party/Study/Installation of Officers
on
Tuesday, December 17 at 5:00 pm

"Women's Connection," an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, will hold their meeting at Central Church, Milbank, SD, on **Tuesday, December 10**, at 1:30 to 3:00 pm, in the church fellowship hall.

Tickets: \$5.00 – Refreshments will be served.

Speaker: Vicki Strege

"God's Strength & Protection During My Journey Thru Cancer"

Music: Vicki Strege, Shirone Spolar and Gillian Mattice - Christmas Sing-A-Long

Special Feature: Sue Stengel and Peg Dohrer "A Cup of Christmas Tea"

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship together with women in our area.

For reservations, please contact: Peg Dohrer – (605) 949-0311 – pldohrer@itcmilbank.com.

Milbank Women's Connection is a nondenominational women's group.



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN WOMEN



December Newsletter

Greetings to all our Circle Members and Women of the Church

I am excited to say that I am writing my last Letter. It is a busy time at the church so will try not to forget anything. Has been great to welcome Pastor Curtis and Michelle.

We will be having our Christmas meeting with Bible Study at 5 pm on Dec. 17. We ask everyone to bring something for lunch which will be served when you arrive. This is traditionally a Christmas treat. We will be sure that there are some sandwiches, so you have a little more since it is really almost supper time. Feel free to bring whatever works for you. We will have cider and coffee available. There will be Bible Study led by Pastor Curtis followed by installation of officers. This will be Study #12 in the book we have been using. There will be a special surprise for everyone attending. Would also be fun to have everyone wear a Christmas sweater if you have one.

Next year's Study Guides are available on the Book of Acts. They are \$12. We will begin this book in January.

The Circles will be serving the Advent Supper on December 18. We will be serving soup, garlic toast and bars. Supper will be served between 5:30 and 6:00 with the Advent Service starting at 6:30.

St. Lucia Brunch will be on Saturday, December 14. Linda Anderson will be putting up the list to sign up to help with this event. This is a special time of hosting women of the community so we will need volunteers to make this a successful event.

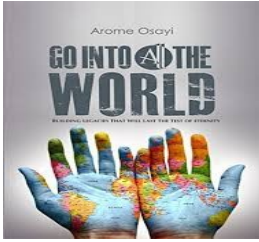
The mitten tree is up and items collected will be distributed through the Wilmot Food Pantry. Our mission for November has been new pillows or new twin size sheets for Sleep In Heavenly Peace. You still have time to donate to this project if you would like. Their motto is "No child sleeps on the floor in our town".

A benefit is being planned for Kimber Downes on Jan 11. We have been asked to furnish 12-15 doz bars. I will be contacting individuals to find ladies that can furnish.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way in the last year. It has been greatly appreciated. May the Lord Bless Each One of You.

As we begin this Advent Season let us remember the great sacrifice that was made for us as Jesus came to earth and then some 33 years later made the ultimate sacrifice for us, a bunch of sinners. What a Magnificent Plan our Lord had!!

In Christ, Marcia



IMPACT MISSIONS

IMPACT THE WORLD BOARD

November 19, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Howard and Marcia Heinje, Sue DeJong, Gloria Cooley, Linda Anderson, Vicki Strege, and Pastor Melanie. (Pastor Curtis was not present due to a pastoral meeting in Watertown from 9 am – 3 pm).

TREASURERS' REPORT:

Impact the World total on hand as of 11/18/24: \$6,813.68

Noisy change total on hand as of 11/18/24: \$623.22

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Vicki called the meeting to order and read a devotional. Pastor Melanie led the group in prayer for God's guidance as we conducted the distribution of funds to various missions. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Sue to accept the minutes from the September 10, 2024 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS TOPICS OF CONSIDERATION:

*The group agreed to give the November Noisy Change offerings to the Gospel House Orphanages in Vietnam. The funds raised will be given to Pastor Moberly and he will get them to Van to purchase Christmas gifts for the 31 orphans in 3 Gospel House Orphanages. As of November 17, we have received \$623.22. We are planning to be able to give them a total of \$1,500, (by adding funds from the mission account to the Noisy Change collections if needed to do so) for the gifts which would be around \$775, and the rest of the money will be used to pay for orphanage expenses. Money is a major issue for keeping the orphanages in operation. Gloria made a motion that was seconded by Sue to add to the Noisy Change Offering as to make the total \$1,500. The motion carried.

Kelly also reported that there was a carryover of \$123.82 from the Operation Christmas Shoe Box mission that we will give to the Gospel House Orphanages for Christmas as we are no longer supporting Operation Christmas due to the fact that they have plenty of people supporting them.

*Pastor Curtis was a teacher at a Lutheran School in Chicago, Grace Christian Academy, before coming to LWLC. He indicated that the school was operating on a very slim budget to educate the children. Impact the World board decided that this school should be the recipient of the Noisy Change Offerings for December.

*Pastor Sam of Cambodia is back to work after suffering from Bell's Palsy last month. We need to continue our prayers for him as he resumes his duties at the various churches. One of his projects is to build an educational complex to train pastors and various church leaders. This project will cost between \$200,000 - \$300,000. We would like to conduct various fundraisers to help him with the costs, however, we will wait on this project as our church is considering a building project. When we know more about our building project will have a better understanding of how we are able to help will the building of this school. Our mission board contributed \$500 to help with his medical expenses. Pastor Moberly will be in charge of getting to money to Van and he will take care of paying the medical facility.

*In order to help the current recipients on our Benevolence Fund and to add 3 more worthy recipients to the list, the following changes of the percentages were made to accommodate the needs of everyone.

10%	ALWM Bill Moberly	5%	Beacon Center (Watertown, domestic violence)
10%	Julie Smude-Thailand Missionary	5%	Global Mission-Africa-Cameroon-Djoulde
10%	Impact the World Board LWLC	5%	LCMC
8%	Grant Co. Food Pantry	5%	Mercy Meals of Milbank
8%	ICAP (local)	4%	Augustana division of the LCMC
8%	Ortonville Food Pantry	4%	Pastor Curtis' church school in Chicago
7%	Jordan and Lexi Hins (Cru)	4%	SDAG Michael Sanchez
6%	Bible Alive (Pastor Kent publishing fund)	<u>1%</u>	Abiding Word Ministries-The Vine & Branches
		100%	

*Below are the recipients of Noisy Change for 2025. We decided to plan for only 3 months at a time as in the past we had to often make many adjustments due to current needs that arise.

January: Water purification systems in Vietnam
February: Call to Freedom (sex trafficking)
March: Alpha Center (Sioux Falls)

*Kelly Peterson will be attending the ITW meetings as to be able to answer questions about finances and gain information about where to send various mission gifts. We welcome her assistance at our meetings. Kelly has set up a request form for the distribution of funds. This form will be used by all groups requesting funds to be distributed. It will help her to know where to send the money and to whom. It also will be a great reference tool.

*A flyer was sent by Pastor Bill Moberly concerning the 2025 mission trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. This will be posted to see if there is interest in the trip. A member also indicated that maybe we didn't need to send people every year on this trip, perhaps every other year would be better. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

*There was a discussion of how to get the Augustana District News Letter in the hands of more members.

ADJOURNMENT: Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sue seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Stregge, November 19, 2024

COMMUNION SERVERS

We have, for several years, had just the members of the Church Council assist as communion servers. It has come to our attention there may be others within the church family who would like to serve in that capacity.

A training session would be provided for those who have never served before. If you would like to be included in the rotation for serving or would consider being on a substitute basis, it would certainly be welcomed.



THANKS TO THRIVENT!

LWLC received two Thrivent Community Action grants.

As a result, \$500 in cleaning supplies has been purchased and given to Orphan Grain Train for taking to areas affected by recent hurricanes.

Pictured to the left is Bob Yaeger working with the buckets at Orphan Grain Train.



*"Great trip,
and the work
in Cambodia
and Vietnam
was
awesome!"
team member*

2025 ALWM Mission Trip May 27-June 10 Vietnam



(May 29-June 3)

Cambodia



(June 4-9)



AWAKENING LIVES
TO WORLD MISSIONS

COST: \$1250 +
Int'l Airfare + visas



- 🕒 Gospel Kids Orphanage
- 🕒 Medical - Evangelism –
Reading glass Outreach
in rural villages
- 🕒 Weekend ministry in the
ALWM Mission School in
Preh Vihear
- 🕒 Teach conversational
English to nurses

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alwm.org/missiontrips
or write
missionshelp@alwm.org

**REGISTER NOW to
reserve your
place!
Deadline Jan. 31,
2025**



PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Brother's and Sister's in Christ Jesus,

My wife Michelle and I are overwhelmed with the kindness, love, and assistance we have received since we accepted God's call to Living Word Lutheran here in Milbank, South Dakota. For a Wyoming kid, this is like coming home a bit. Small towns, faithful Christians, and that vibe that only a small town can offer is right in my comfort zone. Please bear with us as we try to learn everyone's face and name, as well as the workings of our church.

We have learned some new things since coming to Milbank. First and foremost is that this church and this town are so generous and kind. We feel so welcome and praise God for calling us to such a wonderful community. We have learned that life is quite simple when a drive to work is four minutes, and there is no wait at restaurants. We also learned the local volunteer fire alarm is 10 feet above our bedroom window, and eating out with members every night can add a few notches to my belt.

I want to say that I am amazed, impressed, and give glory to God for all the magnificent work that Living Word does both inside our church walls, in the community, and across the world, to proclaim the Gospel. God has His hands on Living Word, and we truly feel His presence in this congregation. It has been years since we heard the beautiful sound of children in church, and it warms our hearts to hear them every Sunday.

With Christmas time coming up and the anticipation of our Christ's birth just around the corner, I want to encourage everyone to participate and celebrate in the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus. We have so many people who donate their time and resources to making Living Word an amazing church and community that is welcoming. Please invite friends, family, and even local random strangers to come and visit us for the holiday season.

God bless you all, and I look forward to what our God has planned for Living Word.

In Christ,

Pastor Curtis Simonson



COUNCIL MINUTES

LWLC COUNCIL MEETING REPORT November 13, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Vostad, Pastor Melanie, Pastor Curtis, Moe Reede, Tim DeJong, Laurie Maas, Kelly Peterson, Adam McMahon, Steve Strege, and Tina Balling.

OPENING: Pastor gave the opening prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Kelly made a motion and it was seconded by Moe to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT: Three resumes have been received for the secretary position. Interviews will begin next week. Moe made a motion and it was seconded by Kelly to approve the business manager's report. Motion carried.

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: The financial report was reviewed. Laurie made a motion and it was seconded by Moe to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

Income:	\$18,507.00
Expenses:	<u>\$15,746.87</u>
Profit/(Loss)	\$ 2,760.13

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Curtis helped with the confirmation class this week. He said him and Michelle are tired physically but not mentally. Pastor Curtis suggested we have a live nativity scene at the Church. Adam made a motion and it was seconded by Tim to hold the live nativity scene December 15, 4:30-6:30 pm. Motion carried. Pastor Curtis will also start a Bible study December 19 based on the TV series "The Chosen". This will be held at 6:30 pm.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Tim will check on the status of the new ice machine. Laurie made a motion and it was seconded by Moe to approve the Property and Management report. Motion carried.

WORSHIP & EVANGELISM: Pastor Melanie will update the material in the new member/visitor bags. Moe made a motion to approve the Worship and Evangelism report. It was seconded by Adam. Motion carried.

YOUTH & EDUCATION REPORT: Gene will work on planning a youth ice fishing trip for sometime in January. Dynamic Disciples are planning to go to St. Williams Nursing Home December 11.

OLD BUSINESS: Steve made a motion and it was seconded by Moe to rescind the statement in last month's council meeting report that stated we were going to bring the stained-glass windows to a congregational vote. This is not necessary as it was already approved by council previously. Sorry for the confusion. The Nominating Committee has three new council members that will be voted on at the annual meeting. First aid training will be scheduled. More details and a sign up sheet will be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS: Advent services will be held December 4, 11 and 18 starting with a soup and sandwich meal at 5:30 pm. Moe made a motion and it was seconded by Laurie to purchase two new computers. Motion carried. Living Word has been asked to provide 12-15 dozen bars for the Kimber Downes Benefit to be held January 11.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting is scheduled for December 11 at 7:30 pm.

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

Tina Balling
Church Council Secretary

A Message from our Council President

Hi everyone,

When I accepted the president position of church council, I didn't even think about one of the responsibilities would include writing a letter for the monthly newsletter. To be honest, this will possibly be one of my least favorite things of the position. If you don't know me, I've been in Mary Kay 25 years and have been in a leadership position for 22 of those years. Not only do I love and service my customers, but I am also a Sales Director of a team of about 100 Consultants. One of my responsibilities to that team is to produce a monthly newsletter for them. And what page is my least favorite? You guessed it...writing the letter. Why? Probably because I put pressure on myself to want to say something "just the right thing". (I'm a recovering perfectionist. Ha) And now I find myself needing to write TWO letters each month! God has a sense of humor. So far I'm not laughing at this one.

It was almost 15 years ago and I remember exactly where I was when I really discovered what spiritual gift God gave me. We were in Janel Sandvig's basement and I was sitting in a rocking chair close to the TV. We were a small group women's bible study and we were working through Chip Ingram's study called "Your Divine Design". It was a study on how to discover and develop your spiritual gifts. We were in the last week and watching the last video. Chip gave a scenario in which we were supposed to pretend we were in, and then asked how we would respond in that scenario. It was strikingly clear to me. It hit me like a ton of bricks..... God clearly put it on my heart that He gave me the spiritual gift of LEADERSHIP. And like any obedient Christian would respond, I quickly replied with "I don't want it." I was just being honest and I truly didn't want that gift. Probably because with that came much responsibility. And I didn't want the responsibility. It felt heavy to me. But He was ever so kind and patient with me, allowing me time to warm up to the idea. It took me a few years to accept the fact and to believe it. He so graciously placed people in my path to affirm me and help me. I now today, I find myself in a leadership position at our church. Did I want it? My first reaction was no. But I truly spent many days in prayer before I finally surrendered to what I believe God wanted. Do I feel qualified? No, not at all. But that's probably a good thing because when we have complete confidence in ourselves it is easy to not turn to the Lord in prayer to ask for guidance. We can easily slip into self-sufficiency mode and run with the ideas we have in our head. But first we must take it to the Lord in prayer, seeking His will for us. We must trust in Him and not our own strength. And I feel like that would be a good thing for us as a church moving forward. Prayer is a must. He has plans for us, plans for good. This is His church. Let's be praying, surrendering and letting Him lead us in all areas.

It is an honor to be in this position because I think we have the most amazing church and such wonderful people. Although there will be times when I mess up or fail you, I will honestly try to steward God's gift and hopefully in a way that honors Him.

I thank you in advance for your continued and consistent prayers for our church.

Love to all,

Jackie Olson
Council President

LWLC Building Committee Board Meeting

November 24, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Curtis, Gloria Cooley, Dale Prisinger, Scott Maas, Linda Anderson, Jackie Olson, David Kruger, Steve and Vicki Strege.

President Steve called the meeting to order and Jackie led us in prayer.

Steve explained the purpose of the meeting was to look over the final blueprints from the architect to see if everything was in order so we could proceed to the next step which is presenting the build plan to the LWLC Council for their approval. If approval is given by the council, an informational meeting would be set up for the congregation so they could see how the new space in our church is to be used. It was also noted that if the church council approves the plans, that it would be a good idea to have the plans on display in the fellowship hall and have building committee board members available to visit with the members to explain the plans and answer any questions during the coffee hour. The next step would be to have a congregational voters meeting to accept or reject the plans.

The following points were discussed at the meeting:

1. Gloria questioned the location of the kitchen door and it was found to be accessible to members.
2. Pastor Curtis brought up what would be needed in a section of the multipurpose room so as to be able to set up a contemporary music worship service at 11:00 am. It was noted that the space is wired for internet and the sound system. A platform will be needed for the pastor and music equipment, and folding chairs.
3. It was noted that the multipurpose room will be a great space for church dinners, funerals and wedding receptions. It is an extension of the current fellowship hall.
4. There will be a vaulted ceiling in the multipurpose room.
5. The new small kitchen will have all the electrical and plumbing necessary.
6. The architect is willing to attend the congregational meeting to explain the plans if they are passed by the congregation.
7. The budget for the building project came in at 2.4 million dollars based on current costs of materials and labor.
8. It was mentioned to put round tables in the multipurpose room to facilitate a friendly atmosphere in the space.
9. It was noted that two individual spaces, one for the younger children and one for the older should be available to meet their various needs.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Vicki Strege, November 24, 2024

RightNow Media

RightNow Media is a streaming video library of free Bible Studies. We believe the mission of the church matters and we've seen how God can change lives through video resources. If you are interested in joining RightNow Media contact the church office at 605-438-9672.

December 2024

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	No Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Communion/Council Installation	2	3	4 3:30 Dynamic Disciples 5:30 Meal 6:30 Advent Service	5 9:00 Community Coffee	6	7
8	8:45 Sunday School/Program Practice 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Noisy Change 11:00 Chapel Communion	9	10 No Quilting	11 3:30 Dynamic Disciples 5:30 Meal 6:30 Advent Service 7:30 Council	12 9:00 Community Coffee 7:00 CPR & Defibrillator Training	13	14 9:30 St. Lucia 12:30-3:00 Sunday School Program Practice
15	Sunday School Christmas Program 8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:00 January Servant Team Meets 10:00 Worship/Christmas Program 4:30-6:30 Live Nativity	16	17 5:00 LWLW Christmas Party/Bible Study/ Installation	18 3:30 Confirmation No Dynamic Disciples 5:30 Meal 6:30 Advent Service	19 9:00 Community Coffee 6:30-8:00 The Chosen Series Bible Study	20	21
22	9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship	23 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	24 CHRISTMAS EVE No Quilting 6:30 Candlelight Worship/Communion	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Church/Office Closed	26 No Community Coffee	27	28
29	9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship	30	31				

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Happy
Birthday



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sandra Hansen (b.) Kevin Hedge (b.) Teresa Meister (b.) Charles & Nadine Veen (w.)	2 Cynthia Fish (b.) Jessica Lewno (b.)	3	4	5 Ryan Keeton (b.) Sean Keeton (b.) Hope Pekelder (b.) Kyle & Gretchen Weber (w.)	6	7
8	9 Brian Dallman (b.)	10 Siriana Bien (b.) Rita Dahle (b.)	11 Lori Dookter (b.)	12	13	14 Jennifer Anderson (b.) Gloria Cooley (b.) Maggie Kruger (b.)
15 Marcia Heinje (b.) Laurie Maas (b.)	16	17 Troy Peschong (b.) Brenda Seehafer (b.)	18 Craig & Carolyn Randleman (w.)	19 Jeremy Nelson (b.)	20 Joshua Keeton (b.) Dylan Meister (b.) Hunter Reede (b.) Janel Sandvig (b.)	21
22 Marge Nelson (b.) Claire Schwandt (b.)	23 Jean Flaig (b.)	24	25	26	27 Shirley Schmidt (b.)	28 Mary Kinder (b.)
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