

LIVING WORDS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER



**CONFIRMATION/
MENTOR EVENT**
On Sunday, March 27 around 20 people attended a confirmation/mentor event where they played games, had pizza and got to know each other. Please pray for our next set of confirmands.



LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE
Wednesday, April 6
Supper 5:30 PM - served by youth
Worship 6:30 PM
Maundy Thursday, April 14
Worship 6:30 PM Absolution
Good Friday, April 15
Tenebrae Worship 6:30 PM
Easter Sunday, April 17
No Sunday School
Youth serving breakfast 8:30 AM
Worship/communion 10:00 AM

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YOUTH NEWS

It is hard to believe Easter is almost here. We are starting to see signs of Spring outside and we are anxious to be able to get outside and enjoy it.

The youth are **SERVING SUPPER** for the April 6 Lenten supper at 5:30 PM so if you want to contribute, please let me know. We are serving soup and chili and bars. Also, the youth are serving the annual **EASTER BREAKFAST** on April 17. Please let me know if you can provide an egg bake or rolls, muffins or fruit. Thank you!

SOME EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

— **CONFIRMATION** starts again after Easter on April 20 from 3:30-5:00 PM.

— **SENIOR HIGH** will be meeting on April 6 at Living Word. There will be no youth group on April 13 because of Holy Week.

— **RECHARGE WEEKENDS** For grades 7-8 at Okoboji Bible Camp April 22-24.

— **SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES**

Grades 4-5 the week of July 10-15

Grades 6-8 the week of June 12-17

Grades 9-12 the week of July 19-22 at Grand View University in Iowa. Please let me know if you are interested in attending so we can get you registered.

Make Jesus your first priority in your life. He is worthy! Remember **P-R-A-Y**.

P Praise God in all circumstances

R Repent of your sins

A Ask God what is on your heart

Y Yield your life to Him.

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith.

Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you.

2 Corin. 13:5

*Grow in faith, impact the world! **Kay***



High School Youth Group at LWLC



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Bowling Event

WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD



Our **BEAT THE WINTER BLUES** February activity was attended by about 35 people. Great food, good times was had by all. Thank you to everyone that came and also brought food.

We have assembled the **LAYETTE KITS**. There were about 18 kits taken to *Orphan Grain Train*. We were able to get a Thrivent credit card to help purchase many items.

Our March and April mission will be the **HYGIENE KITS**. All members of the congregation can bring items for this. Included: bath towel, wash clothes, bar soap, soap dish, toothbrush, sturdy comb, 6 band aids, package tissues and nail clipper. There are baskets under the table in the fellowship hall to put your items in. Also, if you would like to donate money it does cost \$11 to ship the boxes. That would be helpful too.

The **LENTEN SUPPERS** have been well attended. It is good to have fellowship before worship and a good meal is always a plus. Circle Leaders and

anyone else that is in charge of the meal, you can serve whatever you want. We have found that a sandwich, chips, dessert and a drink is plenty but if you want to add a salad or change to soup, that is fine too. Just make it easy for everyone.

I really think that spring is around the corner, and I am sure everyone is ready for it. I like all the seasons God has blessed us with but as I get older, I think if He made the winter one a little shorter, I sure would not complain.

*God's blessings to all
for a beautiful Easter*

QUILTING SQUARE

On Tuesday, March 22 the quilters sent 50 beautiful quilts to *Orphan Grain Train* for distribution. It was the culmination of fun and hard work of several ladies from our church that meet on Tuesdays to design and make these quilts. They also made the decision to make baby quilts for the infants that are baptized in the church. It will be a special gift from the ladies and the church.



Love and Law

Proverbs 3:1-12

"...the Lord disciplines those he loves..." (v. 12)

Years ago, I met with a senior high girl who talked at length about the differences between her own parents and her boyfriend's mother and father. She explained that she had many limits and rules imposed on her. She had a strict curfew and a defined limit to the activities in which she could participate. Her boyfriend, on the other hand, had few rules placed upon him. He had no curfew. His parents did not impose many limits on his activities. I assumed that she felt cheated. I expected her to share her resentment about being treated unfairly, but to my surprise, she expressed sympathy for her boyfriend. The limits imposed by her parents were a clear sign to her that they were concerned about her. Their commandments were not seen as law, but as love. Her boyfriend felt his parents' license was a sign that they were not

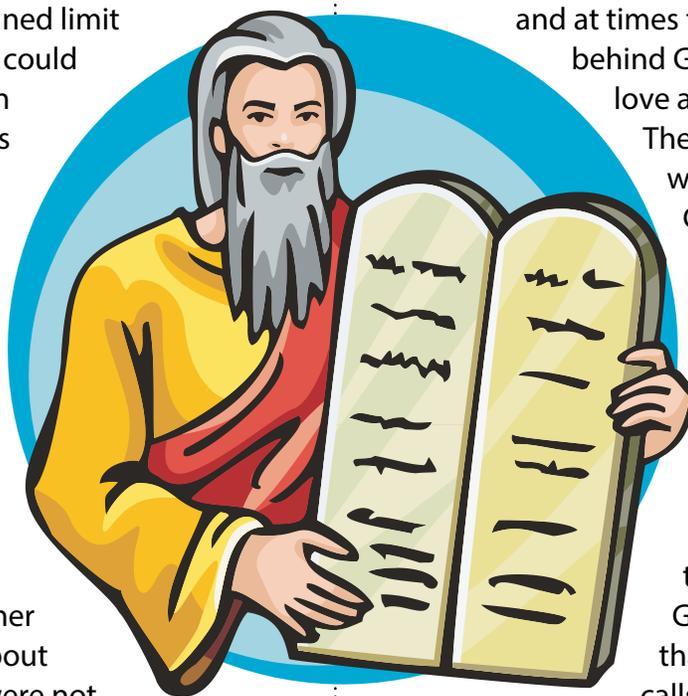
concerned about him.

God imposes limits upon us. Many of them are strict. Many seem harsh. God imposes limits on our sexuality, our relationships with our neighbors, even our thoughts. The ten commandments are clear and at times threatening. Yet, if we look

behind God's command, we see love and concern for our welfare.

The ten commandments begin with, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." (Ex. 20:2) One of the purposes of limits imposed by God is to keep his people free from the slavery from which they have been delivered. We were once in bondage to sin and death. In Christ, God has freed us. It is out of that grace and love that God calls us to act and speak in a particular way and empowers us

with his Spirit to obey.



*Lord, help us remember that your laws are roadblocks
designed to stop us from rushing headlong into disaster*

COUNCIL MINUTES



MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Hansen, Marty Buttke, Rhonda Beckman, Dale Prisinger, Gene Vostad, Terry Forster, Moe Reede, Kelly Peterson, Pastor Kent and Tina Balling.

OPENING: Pastor gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Kelly made a motion and it was seconded by Moe 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: The financial report was given by Kelly. Quickbooks has been purchased and will be installed soon. Kelly will train Lisa on how to enter information into the system. Rhonda made a motion to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Richard. Motion carried.

Month of February	Beginning Balance (1/31/22)	Monthly Income plus Interest	Monthly Expenses	Net Gain or Loss	Ending Balance (2/28/22)
General Fund	\$ 141,930.26	\$ 20,215.54	\$ 18,414.62	\$ 1,800.92	\$ 143,731.18
Dedicated Accounts	\$ 52,706.05	\$ 13,106.62	\$ 4,165.15	\$ 8,941.47	\$ 61,647.52
Building Fund	\$ 65,740.71	\$ 5,097.67	\$ -	\$ 5,097.67	\$ 70,838.38
Thrivent Financial (updated quarterly)	\$ 30,309.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,309.09
TOTAL CASH BALANCE					\$ 306,526.17

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Kent reported on the Barlund Fund. Money from the Barlund Fund was used to print the Miracle books. Pastor again reminded us that the Miracle book is LWLC's book not his. Other projects are being looked at to use more of the funds. These funds were not able to be used the past couple years because of Covid 19. Kelly made a motion to accept the pastor's report. It was seconded by Moe. Motion carried.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Marty and Dale reported that there is a lightbulb burned out in the sanctuary. They have contacted someone for a price to have it replaced. They will also get quotes for the crack sealing in the parking lot. This winter has been particularly bad on the asphalt with all the extreme temperature changes. They also reported that the garbage disposal continues to be a problem and should be replaced. Kelly made a motion to replace the garbage disposal and it was seconded by Moe. Motion carried. The motion was made by Richard and seconded by Moe to approve the property & management report. Motion carried.

WORSHIP & EVANGELISM: It was discussed that we need to have two ushers every Sunday to hand out bulletins and three ushers to help direct members on days we have communion. This will be added to the servant team duty sheet. Motion was made by Moe and seconded by Kelly to approve the report. Motion carried.

YOUTH & EDUCATION: Kay attended basketball games in Wilmot. Some of the activities being planned in the near future are bowling, martial arts/self defense class, speaker, mentor/mentee get together and summer camps. Motion was made by Terry and seconded by Marty to approve the report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The call committee is ready to post the position opening. Offering collected during Lent will be split between the Milbank and Ortonville food pantries.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Communion	4	5	6 10:00 Searchers Bible Study 1:30 Prayer Time 5:30 Lenten meal - Ham 6:30 Worship 6:30 Youth Group at LW	7 9:00 Coffee Fellowship	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Noisy Change 11:00 Chapel Communion	11	12 9:00 Quilting	13 10:00 Searchers Bible Study 1:30 Prayer Time 7:00 Council	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 6:30 Worship/Communion	15 GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 Worship	16
17 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 Youth Breakfast 9:00 May Servant Team meets 10:00 Worship	18	19 9:00 Faith Circle 10:30 Mary-Martha Circle 7:00 Love Circle	20 10:00 Searchers Bible Study 1:30 Prayer Time 3:30 Confirmation 6:30 Youth Group at LW	21 9:00 Coffee Fellowship	22 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	23
24 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship	25	26 9:00 Quilting	27 10:00 Searchers Bible Study 1:30 Prayer Time 3:30 Confirmation 6:30 Youth Group at VB	28 9:00 Coffee Fellowship	29	30

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					1	2 Alyssa Aker (b.) Kevin Dornbusch (b.) Katie Kruger (b.) Brad & Shirley Zahn (w.)
3	4	5 Janice Johnson (b.)	6 Susan Keeton (b.) Chris Nelson (b.) Randy Redepenning (b.)	7 Ethan Fish (b.)	8 Kevin & Renae Dornbusch (w.) Robert Hornstein (b.)	9
10	11 Carol Aden (b.) Gerald Brown (b.) Harlen Nelson (b.)	12 Terry Meister (b.) Kammi Peizel (b.)	13	14 Orlean Lardy (b.)	15 Maci Kasuske (b.) Thea Varpness (b.)	16 Lance Blien (b.) Chuck Liebe (b.)
17	18	19	20	21 Kendall Van Peurse (b.)	22 Jack Hippen (b.)	23 Gerald & Sharon Brown (w.)
24	25 Mark Veen (b.)	26 Brad Zahn (b.)	27	28	29 Nicole Hepper (b.) Jean Leininger (b.) Brad & Cheryl Leonard (w.)	30 Zach Aker (b.) Nathan Hansen (b.)