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LWLW General Meeting



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Vacation Bible School

There will be an organizational meeting for Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:00 PM. We are excited to host this summer's VBS! There will be a number of subcommittees that will be formed, as we plan on hosting 100+ children in our midst for this week-long event. We are already anticipating this to be a wonderful blessing for everyone involved as we work together to reach children in our community with the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please plan to attend and be a part of this great opportunity to be God's hands and feet as we minister to area kids.



COMMUNITY

Diabetes Support Group

Due to Easter falling on the third Sunday of April, the Diabetes Support Group will meet the



following Sunday, April 23 at 6:30. Our educational speaker will be Dr. Torness speaking on diabetes and foot health.

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Quilting

The quilters sent 23 quilts to the St. Francis House in Sioux Falls. They greatly appreciated the donation.



Quilters meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Any help is appreciated, even if it is only for a short time.

WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD

The month of April takes us through Lent and Holy Week to Easter Sunday. It is a time when we are especially focused on our Lord's final days on earth, his suffering and death on the cross, and his rising from the dead on the third day. Jesus' Resurrection is the key to our Christian faith, proving beyond a doubt that all of his promises are true. He is indeed the Son of God, Savior of the world.

In Matthew 28: 5-6 we go with Mary to the empty tomb and hear the angel's message, "Do not be afraid for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Then we share the joy of Mary as she meets Jesus on the road and realizes it is he when he speaks her name. What a blessing these scriptures are to all who believe!

Julie Becker from St. Francis House in Sioux Falls was unable to attend our March 7 **GENERAL MEETING**. Her presentation was replaced by special readings from two of our members and a lovely video/music presentation. Everyone also enjoyed delicious soups prepared by circle members. We hope to have Julie with us at some later date.

We will continue to collect items for St. Francis House through April along with our other ongoing

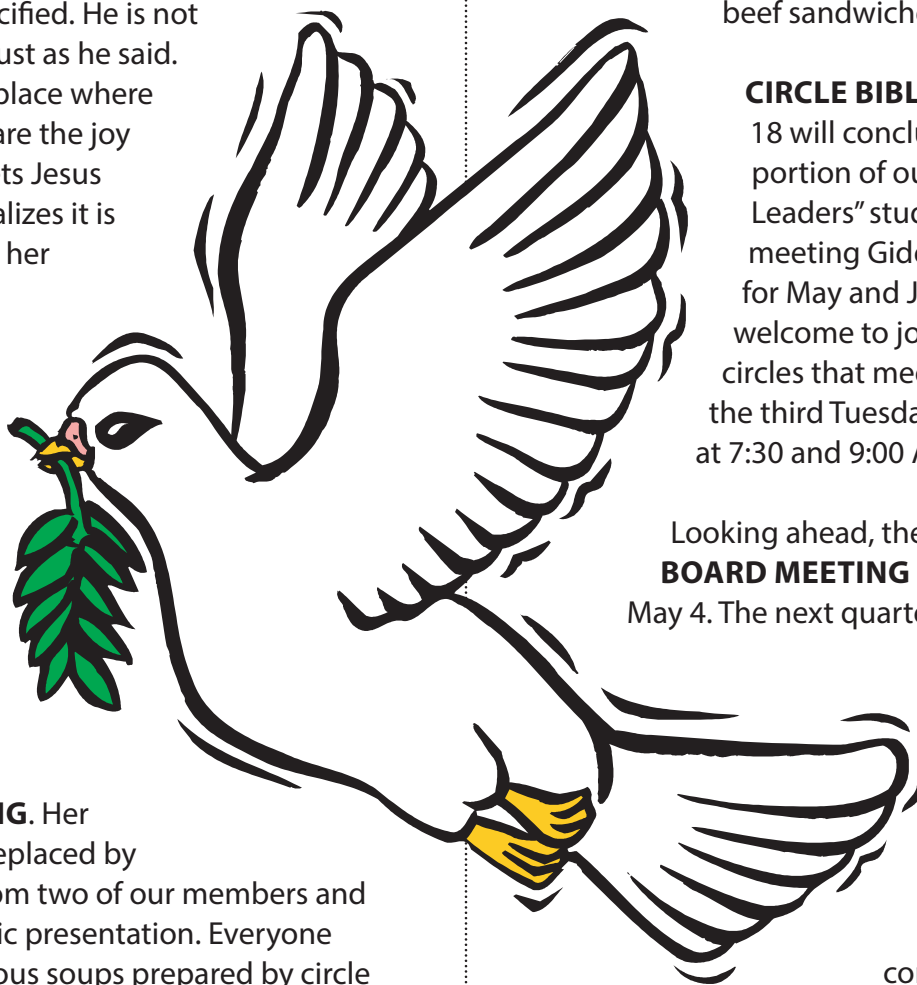


MISSION PROJECTS. A list of needed items can be found in our Sunday bulletins.

Wednesday, April 5, concludes the 5:00 PM **LENTEN SUPPERS** with Love Circle serving beef sandwiches.

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY for April 18 will conclude the Jonah portion of our "God's Reluctant Leaders" study book. We will be meeting Gideon in our lessons for May and June. All women are welcome to join us at any of the circles that meet at the church on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 and 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

Looking ahead, the next **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** will be Thursday, May 4. The next quarterly **GENERAL MEETING** is scheduled for June 6. We are planning a picnic lunch at Abbey of the Hills. Watch for details in the coming weeks.



God's love and Easter Blessings to all!

Joanne Schmig
LWLW Coordinator

Women of the Word Gathering

Saturday, September 16, 2017



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Richfield, WI

Augustana District of Lutheran Churches in Mission to Christ (LCMC)

Women of the Word invite all LCMC women to the 8th Annual WOW Gathering!

WOW 2017 Theme: "Endurance"

Hebrews 12:1-2a

God gives His people endurance to engage in mission in and through their congregations.



Augustana District is about Connections

Pastors

All pastors (Men, you too) are personally invited to join the WOW gathering and participate in planned Pastoral Collegiality activities.

Women

Women of all ages are cordially invited to share the day to connect with women of other congregations, enjoy their company, learn from each other and worship in unity.

Mission

Have you ever felt your church is too small to get involved in worldwide missions? Ever have the desire to act on the Great Commission but not know how or where to start? We will show you examples of what churches are actually doing to serve in missions locally, nationally and globally. Augustana District is a door to worldwide missions.

How is Your Church Connected to this event?

Your congregation is a member of the Augustana District or an LCMC church located in the upper Midwest.

More Details Coming Soon!

Event Coordinator Sandy Kriefall: sandykriefall@gmail.com.

P.S. We are on the lookout for examples of and testimonies from mission projects to share at the Gathering. If your church is engaged in a great mission project or organization please contact Sandy Kriefall.

COUNCIL MINUTES



Living Word Lutheran Church Council Minutes, March 15, 2017

Members Present: Dave Hepper, Roger Christensen, Howard Heinje, Mary Kinder, Brad Olson, and Larry Olson. Absent: Roslyn Reich and Brad Leonard.

President Dave Hepper opened the meeting with prayer. Meeting called to order.

Added to the Agenda: Vacation Bible School organizational meeting April 19.

Larry Olson moved to accept the Meeting's Agenda; seconded by Roger Christensen. Approved.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Brad Olson; seconded by Larry Olson to accept minutes from February 9 meeting. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Larry Olson presented the Treasurer's report. Motion was made by Roger Christensen to approve the report; seconded by Brad Olson. Approved.

Property Report: Brad Olson reported that the committee continues to pursue installation of a 75" screen for the back wall of the church sanctuary. An estimate from Mid States Audio & Video was presented. Another estimate from Craig Weinberg is under consideration and will be looked into further.

Due to wind damage to shingles on the church, several contractors will be contacted for repair estimates.

Worship & Evangelism Report: The Worship and Evangelism committee continues to schedule communion for shut-ins. The committee has organized the Lenten Services for March 22, 29 and April 5. Pastors scheduled for Easter Week are as follows: Palm Sunday, April 9 Pastor Hostettler; Maundy Thursday, April 13 Pastor Jon Lindekugel; Good Friday, April 14 Pastor Jon Lindekugel; Easter Sunday, April 16 Pastor Bill Nelson-Loefke.

Youth & Education Report: Okoboji Lutheran Camp and NeSoDak Camp will be contacted to present a Camp promotion to Sunday School students in late April/early May. Four students are signed up to attend the "Recharge" Camp at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

on Friday, March 31, thru Sunday, April 2. First Communion classes are being taught to 3rd graders by Brian Sandvig during Lent. The students will partake in their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 13. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of July 17. An organizational planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:00 PM at Living Word.

OLD BUSINESS:

On April 8, Living Word church facility will be used for a non-member wedding. (Only the sanctuary will be used.)

There will be several new handicapped parking spaces added in the parking lot for additional availability to those in need.

A new camera has been purchased for use by church members for newsletter, website, Facebook, etc. Members are encouraged to take pictures of any events held at Living Word.

The steeple lights on the cross at Living Word have been installed. Cost of the lights was \$1,008. Members are asked to take notice of the new lights illuminating the cross at night.

NEW BUSINESS:

The church council voted unanimously to call Pastor Kent Groethe and his wife Kay Groethe into ministry at Living Word Lutheran Church. A letter of call and compensation was discussed. Larry Olson moved to accept the letter; Brad Olson seconded. Approved.

Living Word eligible voting members will be presented with the Letter of Call on Sunday, March 19. A congregational vote to call Pastor Ken and his wife Kay will be taken following the worship service. The council members and Gene Vostad will assist in the ballot process.

An application for college scholarships from Living Word for high school seniors was discussed. Scholarship dollars are available which began with an endowment from B.J. White. Brad Olson will research endowment application and qualification procedures.

Two prospective benevolence letters were received. The church council will research and consider them as future benevolence recipients.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12. Meeting Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Klnder, substitute for Roslyn Reich*

April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Choir 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Communion	3	4	5 9:00 Searcher's Bible Study 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 Choir 6:30 Lenten Worship	6 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	7 2 PM Stahl Wedding Rehearsal	8 2 PM Paula Stahl Wedding
9 8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Choir 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship	10	11 9:00 Quilting	12 9:00 Searcher's Bible Study 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 Choir 7:00 Church Council	13 Maundy Thursday 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship 6:30 Worship/ Communion/ First Communion	14 Good Friday 6:30 Worship	15
16 Easter NO Sunday School 9:00 Choir 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship	17	18 7:30 Dawn Circle meets at the church 9:00 Faith Circle meets at the church 9:00 Mary/Martha Circle meets at the church 7:30 Love Circle meets at the church	19 9:00 Searcher's Bible Study 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:15 Choir 7:00 VBS Organizational meeting	20 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	21	22
23 8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Servant team meets 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship	24	25 9:00 Quilting	26 9:00 Searcher's Bible Study 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:15 Choir	27 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship	28	29
30 8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship 5:30 Spring Piano Recital - Sheila Dallee's piano students						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Alyssa Aker (b.) Kevin Dornbusch (b.) Katie Kruger (b.) Brad & Shirley Zahn (w.)	3	4 Ann Liebe (b.)	5	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.)	13	14	15 Maci Kasuske (b.) Orlean Lardy (b.) Thea Varpness (b.)
16 Lance Bien (b.) Chuck Liebe (b.)	17	18 Kathleen Fraasch (b.)	19	20	21	22
23 Gerald & Sharon Brown (w.)	24	25 Miranda Holtquist (b.)	26 Brad Zahn (b.)	27 William Coester (b.)	28	29 Nicole Hepper (b.) Jean Leininger (b.)
30 Zach Aker (b.) Nathan Hansen (b.) Pat Olson (b.)						