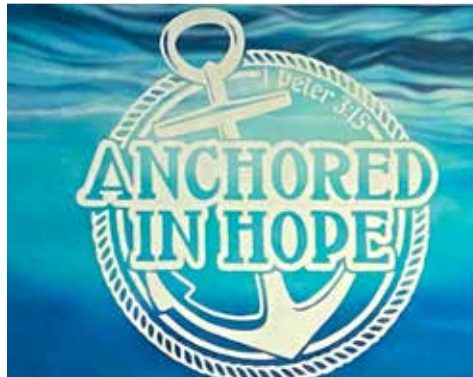


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AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER



We had an awesome time at **INGHAM OKOBOJI BIBLE CAMP** in Iowa. Here are a few pictures to share our week. The theme of the week was *Anchored in Hope*. We shared mealtimes together, swimming during free time, paintball, archery and lots of games and wonderful campfire experiences. Micah Pelzel, Tyler Heinje, Elyse Reede and Tayton Reede all attended. Kammi Pelzel and Hailey Heinje attended **NESODAK** for a week and had a wonderful time. May Jesus make a lasting impression on each of their hearts and may they always be anchored in Jesus.



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GOODBYE

The summer is already coming to a close and I am so sad to say my time at Living Word is also coming to a close. Pastor Kent and I will be leaving Milbank and moving to Tucson, AZ on August 15.

We are going to miss all of you so much and have been blessed by the time we have spent together. I hope we can keep in touch. I will continue to pray for all of you, that your faith in Christ will grow and grow. That you will continue to seek him and trust him in all areas of your life.

You really are incredible young people and each of you have so much to offer the world. Always remember how much you are loved by God. Also remember:

P-R-A-Y

Praise God at all times

Repent of your sins

Ask God what is on your heart

Yield to Him

I love you all!

Grow in faith, impact the world!

Kay

SCHEDULE FOR FALL:

September 11 — Rally Sunday

September 14 — Confirmation begins

October 26 — Confirmation banquet

October 30 — Confirmation service



Photos from the July 10 potluck



WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD

They say time flies when you're having fun. Well, we must have been having lots of fun because we are already in our last month of the summer.

Things to look forward to are **PACKING MERCY MEALS** on August 10 at the Orphan Grain Train. Some have volunteered to serving the supper at the **THRESHING BEE**. Thank you for that.

Be sure to check your circle books so you know when it is your turn to take **COOKIES** to the nursing homes. Also, remember your **SHUT INS** and your **YOUTH AND PRAYER PARTNERS**.

On September 17 the Augustana District will be hosting their **FALL GATHERING**. It will be in Comfry, MN this year. We will be making plans for all who want to attend.

And sadly, we will be saying **goodbye to Pastor Kent and Kay**. There will be a coffee for them on August 14 after church. The community will be invited to this. Pray for a safe transition to a new church family.



WE HAVE DECIDED TO COLLECT ITEMS FOR THE ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SCHOOL KITS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

The kits include:

- 1 backpack
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 2 pencils
- 2 pens
- 10 sheets of construction paper
- 1 package crayons (24 count)
- 1 ruler
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 scissors
- 1 eraser
- 1 package colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 pencil sharpener

1. *Stack flat items together.*
2. *Place all items inside school bag.*
3. *Close bag if applicable.*

PLEASE NOTE

- Backpacks, drawstring athletic bags, or homemade tote bags are all acceptable.
- We recommend leaving contents in the original packaging, but it is not required.
- No additions, deletions, or substitutions.
- Do not add money, photos, or personal notes.
- Do not include items with religious, camouflage, patriotic or military symbols
- Pack only new or gently used items.
- Do not include plastic bags
- It costs an average of \$11 to ship each box of kits. Please consider a donation to your local OGT branch to help with shipping.

Although well-meaning variations are tempting, please do not do this. It may result in heavy fines and/or the entire shipment being confiscated by customs officials.

COUNCIL MINUTES



LWLC JUNE 8, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

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

OPENING: Pastor gave the opening prayer.

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was given by Kelly. The accounting on QuickBooks is continuing to go well. Marty made a motion to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Rhonda. Motion carried.

Month of June	Beginning Balance (5/31/22)	Monthly Income plus interest	Monthly Expenses	Net Gain or Loss	Ending Balance (6/30/22)
General Fund	\$ 141,424.88	\$ 15,961.87	\$ 35,080.44	\$ (19,118.57)	\$ 122,306.31
Dedicated Accounts	\$ 62,877.47	\$ 2,915.77	\$ 8,225.52	\$ (5,309.75)	\$ 57,567.72
Building Fund	\$ 71,235.76	\$ 102.93	\$ -	\$ 102.93	\$ 71,338.69
Thrivent Financial (updated quarterly)	\$ 31,688.93	\$ 2,353.02	\$ -	\$ 2,353.02	\$ 34,041.95
TOTAL CASH BALANCE					\$ 285,254.67

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Kent reported he has accepted a position at a church in Tucson, Arizona.

After Kay's stroke priorities have changed and this move will put them two hours from their daughter and her family. Pastor Kent and Kay's last day will be August 14. They are very sad at the moment because they love it here.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Marty and Dale reported that the burned-out lightbulb in the sanctuary has been removed and replacements ordered. Another tree has died that was planted last year. They will look at getting it replaced. The motion was made by Rhonda and seconded by Dale to approve the pastor's report and the property & management report. Motion carried.

WORSHIP & EVANGELISM: The shelving has been completed in the sacristy and looks wonderful. Pastor will be filling in at the Baptist church for the next 3 Sundays.

YOUTH & EDUCATION: Vacation Bible School will be at Central United Methodist Church July 17-21 in the evening. Please consider signing up to help. You can register your children on their website. Kay will be taking youth to IOLBC. Motion was made by Marty and seconded by Kelly to approve the report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: ITC has installed a new router. The old one was really old and could not be updated.

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

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

COUNCIL MINUTES



LWLC JULY 13, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

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

OPENING: Pastor Melanie and Gene gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Marty 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. Dick made a motion to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Moe. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Kent was unable to be at the meeting. He was with his dad after his dad had a stroke. Our prayers are with him and his family.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Marty and Dale reported that the lightbulbs in the sanctuary have been replaced. The dead tree east of the garage will be replaced in the spring. Plans for a fire pit south of

the garage are being made. They will put stakes out and let Dewey know where to push the snow when the time comes for that. A motion was made by Moe and seconded by Marty to approve the property & management report. Motion carried.

WORSHIP & EVANGELISM: Servant teams will need to have 2 ushers on communion Sundays to help with directing the people back to their seats. This will be added to the sign-up sheets.

YOUTH & EDUCATION: Vacation Bible School will be at Central United Methodist Church July 17-21 from 5-8. Sandvigs will host a youth swimming/farewell for Kay event. Motion was made by Rhonda and seconded by Kelly to approve the worship & evangelism and the youth & ed reports. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Kent and Kay's last day will be August 14. There will be a coffee and cake send off after church. This will be open to the public. A motion was made by Marty and seconded by Dale to approve hiring Melanie Reiners as the interim pastor. Motion carried. Dave Hepper will take over as lead person on the call committee. Our listing on the LCMC website will be updated to one position (pastor).

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting is scheduled for August 10 at 7 PM.

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

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24	25	26
28	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			