

# LIVING WORDS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



## THURSDAY'S COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

**Living Word Story:** Thursday coffee fellowship gets together every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. This is open to the public. Come join us for coffee, fellowship and treats. Bring a friend.

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# Call Committee REPORT

The Call Committee has been working diligently for some time now in search of a pastor who would best serve LWLC, while realistically knowing that there was only one perfect person to walk the earth, Jesus Christ. The second realization is that we cannot expect the pastor to be all and do everything at LWLC, but rather each member must be willing to get out of the pew and serve.

As a committee, we comprised a list of guidelines to be used when we began our search. We felt that we would like someone with the following qualities:

- Someone that stays true to the Word, is biblical based in teaching and preaching
- Someone who genuinely loves God and loves people
- Someone who enjoys social interaction and is willing to disciple to others in those relationships
- Someone who will take an interest in our congregation members and our community
- Someone who will be able to relate to the people of this rural area and real life struggles, including struggles families face today
- One willing to preach and teach the Word and



how the Gospel applies today and in the future – no matter how hard it is to hear. For example: persecution, end times, sin and redemption, etc

- Leadership skills – someone who has vision for our church and congregation and will encourage others to move forward
- A person of integrity
- One who can work with staff members

We are excited to have candidate Pastor Kent

Groethe and his wife Kay visit us at LWLC the weekend of February 5. Pastor Kent is a great man of God who is a strong evangelical with deep convictions on the authority of God's Word and the need for men and women to have saving faith in Jesus Christ. He will be willing and able to serve everyone in our congregation from the youth through senior citizens.

He is a gifted writer authoring numerous adult Bible studies and confirmation curriculum that is being used by Lutheran congregations around the country. Also he has written four books on Christian faith; "Hearing God", "Miracles and Milestones", "Winning, Losing, Loving" and "Regaining Our Balance". He is the author of the Sunday School material that we are using today which is published under the Solo Publishing Company.

## OUTREACH

# Diabetes Support Group

The diabetes support group will again be on the third Sunday of the month which will be

February 19 at 6:30 PM. The February meeting topic will be heart health.

# YOUTH NEWS

February will be an active month for Living Word Middle School and High School students.

Living Word **CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR MENTORS** will meet following confirmation at 5:15 PM on Wednesday, February 1 to pack food for the Backpack program. After delivering the food to the area schools, the confirmands and mentors will return to Living Word for a meal of pizza.

All Living Word kids are encouraged to register for **Summer Bible Camp** at NeSoDak. Early bird registration deadline is February 15. There are various camps and several dates to choose from for all students grades 1 & up. Former students who have attended will be sharing their favorite camp stories during Sunday School closing time in the coming weeks. Camp is a great time for kids to move one step closer to Jesus while participating in fun outdoor activities with inspiring leaders at NeSoDak Summer Bible Camp.

There will be a **Lifelight concert** at the High School Theater on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 PM. The event will have great speakers, music and much-much more. Plan to attend and invite your friends for this exciting event for all area youth!

LIFELIGHT GLOBAL PRESENTS  
**A DAY TO UNITE A CITY**  
 INITIATIVE  
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 TOUR  
 JOSH BREWER  
 REMEDY DRIVE  
 BOBBY BUGATTI  
 BMX  
**HIGH SCHOOL THEATER**  
 1001 E PARK AVE, MILBANK, SD  
**FEBRUARY 8, 2017**  
 DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM **FREE - SHOW @ 7PM**  
 VISIT [WWW.LIFELIGHT.ORG](http://WWW.LIFELIGHT.ORG) FOR COMPLETE TOUR DETAILS

**Pizza Ranch**  
 LIFELIGHT GLOBAL  
 Communicating the Hope of Jesus Christ

## WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD

**February** brings **VALENTINE'S DAY** when thoughts of love may be expressed in various ways to those we care about. The greatest LOVE ever known was that God loved us so much that He sacrificed His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life. What a tremendous and everlasting gift we have been given. After the flowers have withered, the candy has been eaten, and the cards have been laid aside, we can be assured that God's gift of love will be with us forever.

**FEBRUARY CIRCLES** will be studying Lesson 2 in our "God's Reluctant Leaders" Bible Study. Lesson 2 is entitled "Prayer and Acceptance" and is the continuation of the biblical account of Jonah. Circles meet on the third Tuesday of the month, February 21, at 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM. Circles usually meet at the church, and all women of Living Word are invited and welcome to join one of the circles. Dawn Circle is to provide cookies to Golden Living Nursing Home for February.

**MISSION PROJECTS** for this month are the Pillowcase Dresses and St. Francis House. Details about St. Francis House in Sioux Falls, along with needed items, can be found in the bulletin. They are an Ecumenical Ministry, moving people from Homelessness to Hope. We are planning to have a speaker from St. Francis House with us at the March 7 general meeting.

The **MITTEN TREE** has been taken down, and the many gloves, mittens, caps, scarves and even some



socks have been taken to the Grant County courthouse for those in need. Thank you to all who helped "decorate" the mitten tree with those warm items!

Looking ahead to March, the quarterly **GENERAL MEETING** on the seventh is our soup luncheon and starts at 11:30 AM. It promises to be a fun and informative event. Along with the speaker from St. Francis House, the program will be "Fun With

Aprons." Everyone is welcome to wear her favorite apron from the past or present.

Living Word Women has recently received a "Save the Date" notification concerning the **FALL GATHERING** which takes place in Richfield, Wisconsin, on September 16 this year. If you might be interested in going, mark the date on your calendar. Because of the

distance, it would involve driving there the day before, as well. More details will follow as the time gets closer.

May the Lord continue to bless the work of the women of Living Word Church.

**Joanne Schmig**  
LWLW Coordinator

## COUNCIL MINUTES



### Living Word Lutheran Church Council Minutes, January 18, 2017

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

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

**Secretary's report** was reviewed and amended. Additional cost for "Reserved Pew" signs were \$35 per unit instead of \$32 per unit. The council meeting was rescheduled from January 11 to January 18. Motion made by Howard Heinje and seconded by Mary Kinder to accept corrections. Report approved.

**Treasurer's/Finance report** was given by Larry Olson. As of January 11, 2017, the current balance in the building fund is \$6,225.71. Total benevolence for the year was \$18,414.54. We reviewed the new budget as follows: Administrative, \$118,743; Benevolence, \$16,000; Property Management, \$25,200; Worship, Music & Evangelism, \$8,600; and Youth & Education, \$7,350. Roger Christensen made a motion to approve the report. Brad Olson seconded the motion. Report approved.

**Property Management report** was given by Howard Heinje, Brad Olson and Dave Hepper. Brad reports that he is continuing to research appropriate video screens to be placed in the back of the church. Dave has noticed some of the Sunday school rooms seem cold. Recommended to open doors to help keep the rooms warm. The steeple lights are still under consideration. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks or so, steeple lights will be installed. The goal is to have the lights installed by Easter. The pillar lights located in the front of the church will be checked. Report approved.

**Worship & Evangelism report** was given by Roger Christensen and Roslyn Reich. On January 1, 2017 communion was given to 12 shut-ins by Pastor Jon Lindekugel, Dave and Mary Hepper, and Roslyn Reich. There is a list for council members to sign up to serve communion during church services. Roger will continue to research cardholders to be placed in the pews for visitor welcome cards. Servant teams will continue to serve for lecturers, ushers, coffee fellowship, weddings and funerals. There are additional lists for lectors and ushers to be used as backup when needed. The council would like to thank Marty Buttke for offering transportation to some of our members. Members who

may need a ride to church are asked to call Pam at the church office to schedule a ride. Report approved.

**Youth & Education report** was given by Brad Olson and Mary Kinder. Students who may be interested in attending NeSoDak Bible Camp should be aware that there is a discount offered for "early bird" registration. The deadline is February 15. Living Word Church will be offering financial assistance for interested campers. For more information talk to Mary Kinder or register online at losd.org and click "NeSoDak" under "summer camp." Training will be offered for 3rd graders who will be receiving their first communion. Brian Sandvig will be asked if that training can be offered during Sunday school. Report approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

Eight reserved signs for pews are in at \$35 per unit.

Movie Night will take place January 22 at 4:00 PM. The movie *When the Game Stands Tall* will be viewed. Snacks will be served at intermission. Information about movie night will be given in church.

Mary reports the new Bible Study "*The Broken Way*" has 11 participants and is going well.

Middle school and high school youth will pack food for the Backpack Program on February 1 and March 23. All middle and high school youth are asked to help with this meaningful event. Brad will speak with confirmation mentors regarding this event.

### NEW BUSINESS

Call Committee continues to move forward interviewing potential pastors. Second interviews are in progress for potential candidates. Plans are also in progress for candidate Pastor Kent Groethe to come to Living Word to meet our congregation and to give a sermon. The council discussed and approved expenditures for Pastor Kent Groethe to come to Living Word.

Website update and maintenance was given by Dave Hepper. Nancy Kruger has agreed to revamp and maintain the Living Word website. There will be an initial cost of \$1,200 to set up and revamp the website. Council discussed and approved this expenditure. The council would like to thank Dave Kloster for his many years of service in setting up and maintaining our current website.

Life Light event is scheduled February 8 at 7:00 PM in the Milbank High School Theatre. Encourage our youth to attend this meaningful event filled with music and speakers.

Kelly's Cutters has submitted a 2-year contract for mowing at a cost of \$60 per job. Howard Heinje made a motion to accept this contract. Larry Olson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Next council meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on February 15. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Roslyn Reich, Secretary*

# February 2017

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 Searcher's Bible study 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 5:15 "Backpack Event" Confirmation students & Mentors 6:15 Choir 6:30 "The Broken Way" Bible study	2 9:00 - 10:30 Community Coffee Fellowship - Open to the public 2:00 LWLW Board meeting	3	4
5	8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Communion Potluck Dinner following Worship	6	7	8 9:00 Searcher's Bible study 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:15 Choir 6:30 "The Broken Way" Bible study 7:00 LifeLight Concert	9 9:00 - 10:30 Community Coffee Fellowship - Open to the public	10	11
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19	8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:00 March Servant Team meets 10:00 Worship 6:30 Diabetes Support Group	20	21 7:30 Dawn Circle at the church 9:00 Faith Circle at the church 9:00 Mary/Martha Circle at 7:30 Love Circle at the church	22 9:00 Searcher's Bible study 3:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:15 Choir 6:30 "The Broken Way" Bible study	23 <b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE</b> 9:00 - 10:30 Community Coffee Fellowship - Open to the public	24	25
26	8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship	27	28 9:00 Quilting				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Guy Mann (b.)	3 Kristin Stuckey (b.)	4 Scott Leininger (b.)
5	6 Kaitlyn Brook (b.) Brenda Dahle (b.)	7	8 Linda Larson (b.) Larry Olson (b.)	9	10 Norman Barlund (b.)	11 Norman Barlund (b.)
12 Julia Webb (b.)	13	14 Julie Berger (b.)	15 Glenn & Joanne Nelson (w.)	16	17 Nancy Webb (b.)	18 Nancy Webb (b.)
19 Don Butth (b.) Carol Holtquist (b.)	20 Marty Buttke (b.)	21 Sally Heinje (b.)	22	23 Richard Kennedy (b.) Annette Redepenning (b.)	24	25
26 Kristi Schladweiler (b.)	27 Rena & Timothy Ramsey (w.) Angela Varpness (b.)	28 Brian Sandvig (b.)				