

# LIVING WORDS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE/JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER



## SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

*Congratulations to our three seniors Jack Sandvig, Shaylee Pekelder and Ethan Sullivan*



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# Have a Fun Summer!

The school year is over and we have started our summer schedule at Living Word. Congratulations to our seniors, Shaylee Pekelder, Jack Sandvig and Ethan Sullivan. We wish you all the best that God has planned for you.

Sunday school is over for the summer, but I encourage you to continue to seek God and spend time with Him. Keep praying for people in your life and use **PRAY**:

- Praise** God for everything He has done.
- Repent.** Ask God to forgive all your sins.
- Ask** God for what is on your heart.
- Yield** to God's plan for your life. Surrender everything to Him.

We will not be having senior high youth group through the summer, but I ask that you take advantage of the opportunities offered this summer to grow your faith. **LIFELIGHT** event is scheduled for July 29-30, the same weekend as Farley Fest. We will be scheduling a Valley Fair trip soon, so stay tuned for that date.

**VBS** will be the week of July 17-21. To register, go



*Brittany and Hailey Heinje and Katie Kruger from the Core Kinetics Dance Recital*

to [milbankcentral.com](http://milbankcentral.com)

Take advantage of these opportunities to have fun and grow in your faith.

Have a wonderful summer and remember to grow in your faith and impact the world for Him.

God is good! All the time! All the time, God is good!

**Kay**

*I want to thank everyone at Living Word for your support over the years. I appreciate you making my graduation so special. Thank you to the ladies who made me the quilt. Also, thank you to those who organized the senior recognition. I'm truly grateful for all of you and appreciate your thoughtfulness. I look forward to attending SDSU this fall.*

*Ethan Sullivan*

*Dear Living Word Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for the graduation gifts and all of your support over the years. I will make great use of my quilt at UND. Keep an eye out for me because I promise to accomplish great things in my future! Thank you!*

*Best Wishes,  
Jack Sandvig*

*I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who supported me and for all the gifts and prayers.*

*Shaylee Pekelder*

## WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD



*Packing Hygiene Kits*

As we look forward to summer (and I know it is coming), we can look forward to our new project. There are many things the **FOSTER CARE** people can use so we want to help them. Children are often removed from their home without taking too much with them. So far, the month of June and July we will be collecting items for these children. Some ideas could be new underwear, pajamas, toiletry items, certificates for free or reduced meals or small gift cards to various businesses would also be welcomed. We would like the whole congregation to contribute to this very worthwhile cause.

At our last **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** we noted to send Julie Smude money. We will put this in her personal account to use as she sees fit. She works very hard for her mission and does not get compensated for her personal items, so we want her to use this for herself.

Keep watch for a **SUMMER ACTIVITY** coming up. We just need to finalize some things first. Also bring any ideas to the board you would like to see happen.

*Grow in Faith  
so you can  
Impact the World!*



**FRANKLIN GRAHAM**  
P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607

April 25, 2022

Dear Reverend Groethe,

Thank you so much for the gift of \$16,930 sent to Samaritan's Purse from Living Word Lutheran Church for our response in Ukraine. Your generous support makes it possible for us to bring relief in Jesus' Name to people who are suffering.

I was in Ukraine recently to check on our teams and the work there. Our medical personnel have treated thousands of patients at our field hospitals and outpatient clinics, and we continue to distribute tons of relief items and emergency food supplies through our local church partners. At least 11 million Ukrainians have been displaced by the fighting—nearly half of them have fled the country, and the others have had to flee their homes but are still in the country and in need of help.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine during this very difficult time and for our teams as we minister to them. We want to take every opportunity to proclaim the hope of Jesus Christ, who said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live"* (John 11:25). May God bless you.

Sincerely,



Franklin Graham

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Reverend Kent Groethe  
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# COUNCIL MINUTES



## LWLC MAY 11, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Hansen, Marty Buttke, 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:** Dale made a motion, and it was seconded by Moe to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Marty 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 is up and running. Lisa is doing a good job on the new system. Budget line items have been consolidated. Richard made a motion to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Marty. Motion carried.

Month of May	Beginning Balance (4/30/22)	Monthly Income plus Interest	Monthly Expenses	Net Gain or Loss	Ending Balance (5/31/22)
General Fund	\$ 127,873.42			\$ -	\$ 127,873.42
Dedicated Accounts	\$ 60,116.55			\$ -	\$ 60,116.55
Building Fund	\$ 71,224.28			\$ -	\$ 71,224.28
Thrivent Financial (updated quarterly)	\$ 31,688.93			\$ -	\$ 31,688.93
<b>TOTAL CASH BALANCE</b>					<b>\$ 290,903.18</b>

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Kent reported the call committee continues to look for an associate pastor or a youth and family director. It is important that we find the right person and not be in a rush. It needs to be in God's plan and His timing. We may need

to order more *Miracle* books. Barlund Fund money will be used. Other conferences are being looked at for couples etc. Marty made a motion to accept the pastor's report. It was seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

**PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT:** Marty and Dale reported that the burned-out lightbulb in the sanctuary is on the schedule to be replaced as soon as time allows. A new tree was planted in the SE corner to replace one that had died over the winter. Marty and Dale will look at getting quotes to repair the sidewalk where it is cracked. The motion was made by Moe and seconded by Terry to approve the property & management report. Motion carried.

**YOUTH & EDUCATION:** The youth served breakfast Easter morning. Kay has attended the high school play and concerts that the youth were involved in. The youth would appreciate it if people would not park in front of the basketball hoop. They enjoy shooting some hoops on Sunday before and after church. Vacation Bible School will be at Central United Methodist Church July 17-21 in the evening. Motion was made by Marty and seconded by Kelly to approve the report. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jessica Lewno asked to use the fellowship hall May 21. Feeding South Dakota asked to use the parking lot for food distribution June 15, July 27, September 7 and possibly October 19 (weather permitting). We are looking at doing an outside parking lot service in July followed by a meal. Details will be shared once plans are made.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** The next council meeting is scheduled for June 8 at 7 PM.

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

# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:30 Prayer Time	2 9:00 Community Coffee	3	4
5 Summer Worship Begins 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	6	7	8 1:30 Prayer Time 7:00 Council	9 9:00 Community Coffee	10	11 9:00 Altar Guild meets
12 9:00 Worship/noisy change 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Chapel Communion	13 2:00 Outreach meets	14 9:00 Quilting	15 1:30 Prayer Time	16 9:00 Community Coffee	17	18
19 Father's Day 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 July Servant Team meets	20	21 9:00 Faith Circle meets 10:30 Mary-Martha Circle 7:00 Love Circle meets	22 1:30 Prayer Time	23 9:00 Community Coffee	24	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	27	28 9:00 Quilting	29 1:30 Prayer Time	30 9:00 Community Coffee		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ryan Hepper (b.) Scott & Laurie Maas (w.)	2 Nathan Bifen (b.)	3 Donald Peterson (b.)	4
5 Bob & Pam Nelson (w.)	6	7 Charles Veen (b.)	8	9 Karen McCrea (b.)	10 Eithan Sullivan (b.) Rita & David Wellnitz (w.)	11
12 David Kruger (b.)	13 Mya Heinje (b.) Tyler Heinje (b.)	14 Darrel & Cheryl Gullickson (w.) Kristi Seehafer (b.)	15	16 Rachel Berdan (b.) Bryce & Paula Heinje (w.) Barbara Hornstein (b.) Scott & Jean Leininger (w.)	17	18 Bryce Heinje (b.)
19 Karlie Bakeberg (b.) Matthew Christensen (b.) Gary Ingber (b.)	20 Warren & Janice Beck (w.)	21	22	23 Pastor Kent & Kay Groethe (w.) Howard & Marcia Heinje (w.) Micah Pelzel (b.)	24 Dale & Lisa Aker (w.) Kay Groethe (b.)	25
26 Bradley & Jackie Olson (w.)	27	28	29 Linda Prisinger (b.) Eugene & Susan Vostad (w.)	30 Marilyn Stensrud (b.) Nanci Van Peurse (b.)		

# July 2022

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1	2
<b>3</b>	9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	<b>4 Independence Day</b> Church Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1:30 Prayer Time	<b>7</b> 9:00 Community Fellowship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	9:00 Worship/noisy change 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Chapel Communion OUTDOOR SERVICE	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>13</b> 1:30 Prayer Time 7:00 Council	<b>14</b> 9:00 Community Fellowship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	9:00 Worship 10:00 August Servant Team meets 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 Faith Circle meets 10:30 Mary-Martha Circle meets 7:00 Love Circle meets	<b>20</b> 1:30 Prayer Time	<b>21</b> 9:00 Community Fellowship	<b>22</b> Newsletter items due	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>27</b> 1:30 Prayer Time	<b>28</b> 9:00 Community Fellowship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>	9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship						

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<b>3</b>		<b>4</b> Deb Buttke (b.) Will Pekelder (b.)	<b>5</b> Randy & Lori Dockter (w.) Sam Wilson (b.)	<b>6</b> Betty Kloster (b.)	<b>7</b> Jeffrey & Julie Berger (w.)	<b>8</b> Tim DeJong (b.) Charles Heinje (b.)	<b>9</b> Amanda & Adam McMahon (w.)
<b>10</b>		<b>11</b> Jesse Nelson (b.)	<b>12</b> Terry & Heidi Meister (w.) Dennis & Joanne Schmig (w.)	<b>13</b> Lance & Sheila Bien (w.)	<b>14</b> Sharon Brown (b.) Roger Hansen (b.)	<b>15</b> Beverly Zeigler (b.)	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>		<b>18</b> Aaron & Teresa Meister (w.)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Peggy Brook (b.) Bailey Nolting (b.)	<b>21</b> Jacqueline Redepenning (b.)	<b>22</b> Abbey DeJong (b.) Bud Remund (b.)	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Stephanie Hansen (b.)	<b>27</b> Brittany Heinje (b.) Daria Loeschke (b.) Mark Loeschke (b.) Mason Meister (b.) Marlin & Shirley Schmidt (w.)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Alec Bien (b.) Steve & Vicki Stregre (w.) Jessica Van Peurseem (b.)	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>	Jaxon Berger (b.) Larry Brook (b.)						