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MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Congratulations and Godspeed to Our High School Graduates

Congratulations on your graduation. Your Christian upbringing has equipped you to apply your faith in your daily life. With your faith in your heart, you are ready for whatever you may encounter. Walk humbly the path toward your future, always remembering that God is with you, and is using His Word as a light to your path and a lamp to your feet.

We ask the congregation to keep these special young adults in their prayers as they journey into God's future for them.

The **SENIOR RECOGNITION RECEPTION** will be May 8 at 9:00 AM. Following the reception the seniors will join the congregation at the 10:00 AM service where we will honor and pray for them and give each of them a gift from the congregation.

JACK SANDVIG Jack plans to major in marketing at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND. He wants to pursue marketing because it involves building connections with others. He is extroverted and thrives on interacting with others. He also wishes to work in a business career because of the requirement of work ethic to achieve success.



SHAYLEE PEKELDER
Shaylee plans on attending LATC in Watertown to pursue a degree in nursing and will continue on to becoming a nurse practitioner.

MAY 14
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
The congregation is invited to **JACK SANDVIG'S GRADUATION RECEPTION** at the Darrell Kessler Residence, 709 Valley View Circle, Milbank

ETHAN SULLIVAN Ethan is going to SDSU for Agriculture.



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He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

The school year is coming to a close and we can look back at the past year and ask ourselves, "have I made Jesus Christ my number one priority in my life?" I realize it is hard to put Him first when we are so busy with school and extra-curricular activities. We need to make an effort to spend time with Him. God is so worthy of our praise and devotion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be done for the school year on Sunday, May 8, which is Mother's Day. It will also be **SENIOR RECOGNITION**/presentation of quilts on that day. We have three seniors graduating this year, Shaylee Pekelder, Jack Sandvig and Ethan Sullivan. We are going to miss them so much at Living Word, but we are so excited to see God's plan for each of them.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP will continue to meet on Wednesday nights through May and I will keep you informed about events scheduled for the summer.

We have some kids signed up for **SUMMER CAMP** at NESODAK as well as Okoboji Bible Camp in June and July. Pray for our weeks at camp that Jesus would get ahold of our kids and that their hearts would soften to Jesus. PRAY! God is at work! May He do a mighty work in the hearts of our young people.

Remember the great resource **RIGHTNOW MEDIA** that the church provides to help grow your faith. Let me know if you have any questions about that.

*God loves you so much!
He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!*

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High School Youth Group Serving Easter Breakfast



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Easter Breakfast



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Easter Children's Sermon

PASTOR'S LETTER



Job Search Update

Our call committee is in place and has been advertising for both youth director and associate pastor through our denominational website as well as through other on-line venues. We are not going to hire both positions but are open to the right candidate, whether they are ordained or not. However, we are getting no responses back for a youth director. There are not a lot of candidates out there for that position. But – we have received close to a dozen applications for the associate position. In the next two weeks, the call committee will be having on-line interviews with the top three candidates we have received so far.

Brian Sandvig is the chair of the call committee.

The other members are Deb Buttke, Sheila Bien, Dave Kruger, Dave Wagner, Dave Hepper and Gene Vostad. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact them.

If we hire an associate pastor, that positions main focus will be youth and families. However, he/she would also help with pastoral activities such as preaching, visitation, funerals, weddings, etc. when needed.

We ask you all to keep the call process in your prayers. We want wisdom and discernment to know who the right candidate is who will serve our congregation best.

Grow in Faith! Impact the World!

Pastor Kent

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COUNCIL MINUTES



LWLC APRIL 13, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

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

OPENING: Pastor gave the opening prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT: Richard 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 installed. Kelly will continue to train Lisa on how to enter information into the system. Moe made a motion to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Dale. Motion carried.

Month of	Beginning Balance (2/28/22)	Monthly Income plus interest	Monthly Expenses	Net Gain or Loss	Ending Balance (3/31/22)
General Fund	\$ 143,731.18	\$ 21,391.77	\$ 44,645.62	\$ (23,253.85)	\$ 120,477.33
Dedicated Accounts	\$ 61,647.52	\$ 15,079.56	\$ 17,872.09	\$ (2,792.53)	\$ 58,854.99
Building Fund	\$ 70,838.38	\$ 103.01	\$ 65.13	\$ 37.88	\$ 70,876.26
Thrivent Financial (updated quarterly)	\$ 30,309.09	\$ 1,379.84	\$ -	\$ 1,379.84	\$ 31,688.93
TOTAL CASH BALANCE					\$ 281,897.51

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 that will promote spiritual growth are being looked at. Pastor would like us all to welcome visitors that come to LWLC. There are welcome bags for visitors located in the fellowship hall. Pastor also reported on the impact team. The team proposed giving \$5,000 from the impact account to *Celebrating Global Mission* magazine and \$5,000 toward building a school in Cambodia where our partner missionary Sam does ministry. LWLC will make the school the next impact project starting in May. Dale made a motion to approve the

impact teams proposals. It was seconded by Moe. The motion carried. Marty made a motion to accept the pastor's report. It was seconded by Dale. Motion carried.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Marty and Dale reported that the burned out lightbulb in the sanctuary will be replaced. The parking lot cracks have mostly closed up and any further quotes etc. are put on hold for now. They will keep an eye on the situation if it changes. The garbage disposal was replaced. Marty and Dale will look at the trees when it warms up and see if any need to be replaced. The motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Moe to approve the property and management report. Motion carried.

WORSHIP & EVANGELISM: Maundy Thursday will have normal communion at the railing. Easter Sunday there will breakfast served by the youth at 8:30 AM and church at 10 AM with continual communion. We will look at options for special music. Motion was made by Marty and seconded by Moe to approve the report. Motion carried.

YOUTH & EDUCATION: The youth will serve the Easter morning breakfast. Reggie Daubs, an inspirational Christian speaker will be at Calvary April 28. May 7 there will be a *Spiritual Life Event* in Sioux Falls for 7-12th graders. Senior recognition is May 8. Motion was made by Moe and seconded by Terry to approve the report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Kelly reported that the line items in the budget continue to be simplified. We will allow the use of our parking lot for parking/shuttle service until 4 PM during Farley Fest. A motion was made by Marty and seconded by Dale to not continue using Gene Kiefer's services now that we have QuickBooks up and running. Motion carried. Marlin Fenner donated a blood pressure machine, stethoscope and necklace fan. They are located in a red box on top of the AED machine. We thank him for the donation. We will look into training for the AED machine. The call committee has received some applications and will start looking at conducting interviews and call on references.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting is scheduled for May 11 at 7 PM.

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

