

# LIVING WORDS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



## RALLY SUNDAY

Rally Sunday was on September 11. It was a great day to celebrate the start of Sunday school. It was a fun day for all.



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## WOMEN OF THE LIVING WORD

The **ANNUAL GATHERING** of the women of the word was held at the New Hope Lutheran Church in Comfrey, Minnesota on Saturday, September 17 with 66 women attending. There were ladies attending from 22 churches across the synod as well as members from four churches joining through zoom.

The theme for the gathering this year was *Ministry Through Music* and was carried out with decorations, music and speakers. Throughout the day, the theme verse "Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2) was continually reinforced.

The singing group of the church, "Soul's Inspiration" opened the day with a beautiful hymn sing. The group was accompanied by organist, Laurie Fredin, and Pastor Patricia Baglien on the guitar. Pastor Patricia had served the church in the late 1990s at the time their church was destroyed by a tornado and had also been instrumental in organizing the Soul's Inspiration Group.

The communion service was led by pastor John Hopper of New Hope. During the service the group was privileged to watch a video of his granddaughter, Lauren Hopper, playing and singing a song she had written based on Psalm 46 which she had entitled "Be Still and Know That I Am God." She had written this during a difficult time in her life.

The speakers for the day were Pastor Diane



Oderman and Pastor Patricia Baglien who shared inspiring thoughts on singing and music that have been important throughout the centuries in worship and service. They used the themes: *Serve the Lord With Gladness and Come Into His Presence With Singing*. They had attended the passion play in Oberg, Germany together and used that in their message. Pastor Patricia played the guitar and sang original songs during her presentation.

The offering for the day was given to Samaritan Purse. Ladies attending brought a love offering of a donation for Operation Christmas Children's Shoebox with a very large wooden box being filled. The shoeboxes will be filled by members of New Hope Lutheran when they work with their community filling many shoeboxes for this project. They filled 143 last year and with the additional generous donations of those attending the gathering, they hope to fill more this year.

Officers were elected during the business meeting. The annual WOW gathering will be held next year in Springfield, MN on September 16.

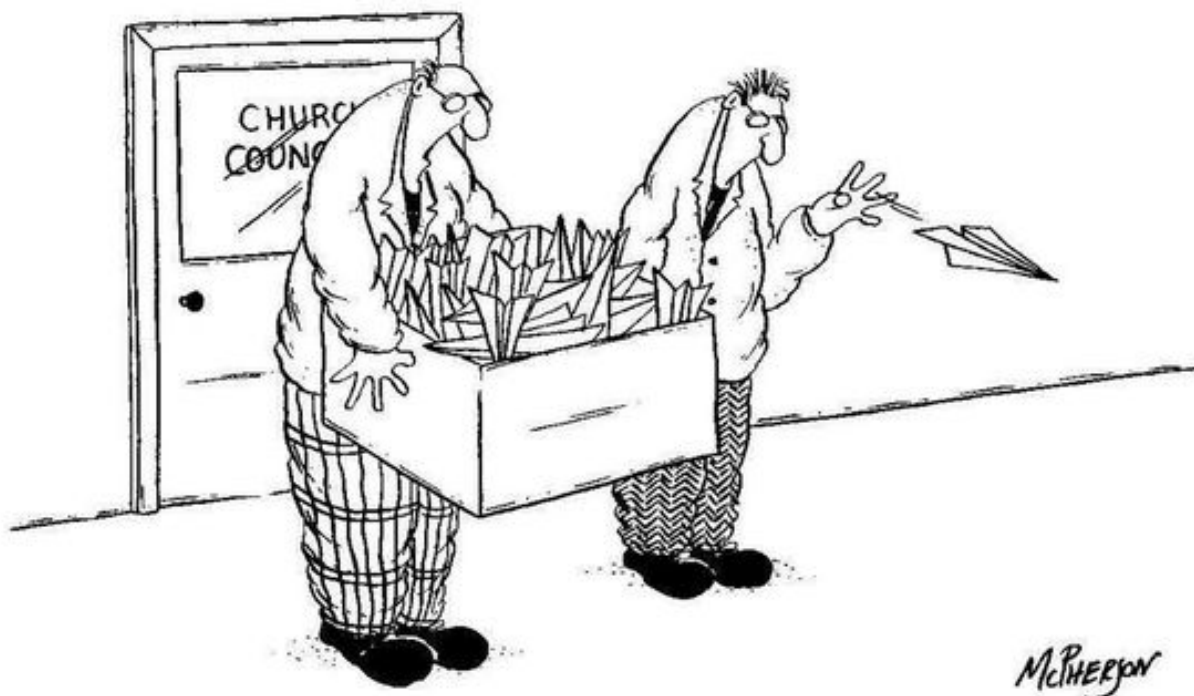


**OFFICERS LEFT TO RIGHT:** Jan Kreie (Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN) member at large; Carreen Pierson (Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN) vice-coordinator; Marcia Heinje (Living Word Lutheran, Milbank, SD) secretary; Jodi Dalsgaard (St John's, Springfield, MN) coordinator; Linda Anderson (St. John's, Springfield, MN) member at large; Not pictured: Diane Anderson (Christ the King, Hutchinson, MN) treasurer; Jane Evers (New Hope, Comfrey, MN) ex-officio member. These officers will review this past year and begin making plans for the next year when they meet in Marshall, MN on Oct. 13.

**LWLC COMMUNITY**

# NEW MEMBER

**W**elcome Eileen Wilprecht to our Living Word Lutheran Church family.



“Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again.”

## PASTOR'S LETTER



### Dear families of Living Word,

January might be the traditional month for new beginnings, but for churches, September represents that time of new beginnings, too. Parents, kids and teachers have been gearing-up for a new school year and a year of “new beginnings” in the activity in our church. That has certainly been true here at Living Word. Time has flown since I began serving at Living Word and I am so impressed with the ministry of this church — it is an honor to serve alongside all of you.

As families have been setting new routines as school starts, so it's important to remember to make time for God in these new schedules. Here at Living Word, there are some things to keep on the schedule for the month of October:

**YOUTH GROUP** – Our young people are encouraged to be a part of the joint youth group activities which happen on the first Wednesday of every month. Living Word and Valley Baptist join together to provide some fun activities and spiritual encouragement for our teens. We are excited that the new fire-pit, the Eagle Scout project of Gabe Beckman, is available for their use.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** – There will be several activities for the Class of 2022 during the month of October. A gathering of the students, parents and mentors will be held at the lake home of Ron and Linda Anderson. (There will be some detailed information provided for the students at that time.) The annual **CONFIRMATION** banquet will be held on October 26 and the **SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION** will be held on Sunday, October 30. Pastor Craig Werling will officiate the

Confirmation service. It will be a special time for him as he baptized the children who will be confirmed on that day! Members of the class are: Ryan and Sean Keeton, Will Pekelder and Hunter Reede. Keep these young people in your prayers as we come to this special time in their lives.

The confirmation class of 2023 has begun their study of the Apostle's Creed using the Sola Confirmation materials. Linda Anderson has graciously agreed to team-teach with me this year. There are five students in this class: Drew Anderson, Tyler Heinje, Micah Pelzel, Tayton Reede and Sam Wilson. The class meets on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5 PM. Please pray for these young men as we encourage their faith through their study of the Creed, Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and general Biblical basics.

**PULPIT SUPPLY IN NOVEMBER** – My husband and I are planning to return to Sierra Leone in November to the mission eye hospital he has served for 40 years. We are thankful that the church council has agreed to pulpit supply for three Sundays. We would appreciate your prayers for safe travel and effective ministry during this trip. We look forward to telling you more about this mission on Sunday, October 9, at a **SOUP SUPPER** here at Living Word.

As always, please know that I appreciate any opportunity I have to visit with all of you. I try to be at the church every weekday morning, except Friday. Feel free to call my cell phone 605-949-0624 at any time.

*In Christian love,*  
**Pastor Melanie Reiners**

# COUNCIL MINUTES



## LWLC SEPT. 14, 2022 COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pastor Melanie, Richard Hansen, Marty Buttke, Dale Prisinger, Terry Forster, Moe Reede, Kelly Peterson, Rhonda Beckman, Tina Balling and Vicki Strege

**OPENING:** Pastor Melanie gave the opening prayer.

**IMPACT:** Vicki updated the council on the cover for the piano. A cover was needed along with equipment to regulate the humidity in the piano. This should help decrease the number of times the piano needs to be tuned.

**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:** Rhonda 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. Moe made a motion to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Dale. Motion carried.

Month of August	Beginning Balance (7/31/22)	Monthly Income plus Interest	Monthly Expenses	Net Gain or Loss	Ending Balance (8/31/22)
General Fund	\$ 122,146.48	\$ 18,875.57	\$ 13,242.30	\$ 5,633.27	\$ 127,779.75
Dedicated Accounts	\$ 49,911.71	\$ 1,040.19	\$ 3,016.87	\$ (1,976.68)	\$ 47,935.03
Building Fund	\$ 71,386.72	\$ 163.03	\$ -	\$ 163.03	\$ 71,549.75
Thrivent Financial (updated quarterly)	\$ 34,041.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,041.95
<b>TOTAL CASH BALANCE</b>					\$ 281,306.48

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Melanie reported that things have been going smoothly so far. Confirmation has resumed with her and Linda Anderson instructing.

**PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT:** Marty and Dale reported that they were able to pop the "buckle" out of the sign by the road. A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Moe to approve the property & management report. Motion carried.

**YOUTH & EDUCATION:** We will be partnering with Valley Baptist/Pastor Brian for youth group again this year. Youth group will be held the first Wednesday of the months and will rotate from LWLC and VB. We will look for an adult to accompany our youth when it is held at Valley Baptist.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Marty and seconded by Dale to use the Garrison memorial money to acquire storage cabinets. Permission was granted to Elizabeth Schulte for use of the church for her recitals. The firepit has been completed thanks to Gabe Beckman and donations for the materials. It looks great and will get lots of use.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** The next council meeting is scheduled for October 12 at 7 PM.

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

