

LIVING+WORDS

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

Thanks to the Living Word Lutheran Women we really had a nice time at the church on July 21. The potluck food items were as always, great and of course we need to remember the guys that cooked the hot dogs too. It all went off without a hitch, good weather and I think everyone had a great time. The younger kids were able to get wet with water balloons and the big kids playing corn hole. The way the members of our church go about doing things, it would have been more surprising if it did not all go well. Thanks to all that helped make the day great.

Speaking of July 21, it was a joy to meet Pastor Curtis Simonson and his wife Michelle. Pastor Simonson gave a great sermon and it sure looked like a lot of people got to meet and talk with the two of them. I guess the only comment I heard was late in the day and had something to do with mosquitoes. The mosquitoes seem reasonable since it is late in July in South Dakota.

Pastor Curtis is an applicant for our position as the next lead pastor of Living Word Lutheran Church. The call committee will continue to work with Pastor Curtis and the possibility of he and Michelle joining our church family. Please pray for what it is God has in store for our church and Pastor Curtis and Michelle.

In the event it appears Pastor Curtis is interested in joining our church family, we will need to have a congregational meeting to approve the call. Our church constitution states, "Notice of all meetings of this congregation shall be given at worship services for two consecutive Sundays preceding the scheduled meeting and also printed materials are made available to the membership at least 10 days in advance of the meeting." We are all anxious to secure a full-time pastor. Please keep in mind that these things can only happen relatively slowly. Keep your ears open in the

event we are going to have a congregational meeting to call Pastor Curtis. (This is the process used for hiring Pastor Groethe and when we attempted to call Pastor Cave.)

The building committee has been working with the architect for the possible addition to our church. This is a process that also takes time and is not something that we will all first notice when we come to the church premises and see new construction. This project is being done with a lot of desire to do the right thing. Once the architect has completed the initial planning, the building committee will further inform the congregation and we can decide if building is something we want to do. The addition does not come without cost. Initial estimate of the project is in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000.00.

It is proposed that the 6 windows in the sanctuary be adorned with stained glass. This is in an effort to make the sanctuary appear more like a church, in recognition of past friends/relatives/congregation members and to keep us from looking out the windows during the sermon. The cost has been established at approximately \$1,350 per window. Should we decide to put in the windows, we need to have a plan as to what they will look like. Marty Buttke has agreed to head up a group to further pursue this goal. If interested, please contact Marty or if he contacts you, please consider assisting.

Please carefully consider the possible call of Pastor Simonson and the possible addition to our church building and pray that God guides us in the direction he wants us to go.

Gene Vostad
Council President

Thank you
Family Fun Day
Dynamic Disciples
Sunday School

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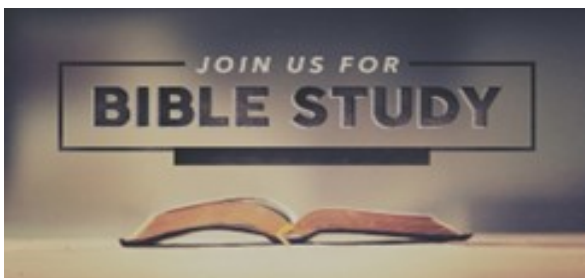
We would like to extend our deepest gratitude and thanks to the members of LWLC for so generously supporting us in our trip to Vietnam. Your prayers kept us safe, and we did our best to make good use of the financial resources you so generously gave to make this trip possible. We also thank you for the generous donation of toothbrushes and toothpaste. That is something we take for granted but it meant so much to those we served. We also had the blessing of being able to meet in person and spend time with the nurses that we have been teaching these past 4 years. Our other blessing was to be able to visit our church in Vinh Long Province and Preacher Thong. The church is alive and well and bringing God's Word to many souls and changing lives. Preacher Thong told us to thank our congregation for the gift of the church. He was so grateful. We also wish to thank our fellow mission board members for their extra help with all the fund-raising projects, especially the rummage sale. It was an experience that we will never forget, and we will use what we learned there to continue to help others in need. May God richly bless you for making this possible for us, and if you are able, we encourage you to go with Pastor Bill on the next mission trip to Vietnam. It will change your life!

In His Service,
Sue DeJong and Vicki Strege



Thanks to LWLC's support, we had 140+ area youth share some fellowship, food, football, and fun last week at the MHS/SDSU FCA Football Camp. We had 22 campers' express interest in receiving a FCA Athlete's Bible.

Brian Sandvig



Bible studies are a great way to dive into scripture and grow in your faith. There were several bible studies held this past year from September to May. With great success, September is the kickoff to our education year and bible studies. There will be at least 2 or 3 different studies beginning around Rally Sunday in September. A sign-up sheet with start date, study leader, study topics, days, and times for each study will be in the fellowship hall soon. Be sure to check the tables, sign up, and join in these great educational opportunities!

Laura Dallman
Education Committee Member



**Family
Fun
Night
July 21, 2024**





DYNAMIC DISCIPLES and SUNDAY SCHOOL

Laurie Maas
Education Committee

Save the Date-Educational Opportunities

Sunday – September 8 - 8:45 a.m.

Rally Sunday will kick off with events for the whole family. Sunday School children will get together for snack, music, and lessons. High School youth will meet to plan activities for the year. There will also be adult bible studies beginning so be sure to check the fellowship hall to sign up!

Students of all ages are asked to bring their

backpacks for a special blessing during the church service.

After church there will be a congregational lunch for all with beef sandwiches, chips, salads, and dessert. A freewill offering will be taken to help with Sunday School activities throughout the year.

Following lunch, families will be able to visit the various classrooms for fun activities including face painting, rock painting, crafts, photo op, and outdoor activities. (We are working on getting some inflatables.)

We are looking for teachers and substitutes for our programs! Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry. Sunday School will be set up like last spring. Children will come and grab some breakfast at 8:45 and Laura and Sandy will be leading the music beginning at 9. The high school youth & others will do a simple skit to kick off the lesson and then Sue will do a short object lesson. Then students will divide up by age groups to continue with age-appropriate

activities and lessons. Materials will be ready to go so all the teachers will need to do is to teach the lesson and lead any crafts or games. We would like to have two teachers to team teach and this will also allow for one to lead and the other help each week.

We also need substitutes for Sunday School and Dynamic Disciples! Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Laurie or Sue for more info!

Dynamic Disciples

Dynamic Disciples will be starting September 11th at 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. We will be having some activities in the church and some in the

den!! Information and registration will be sent home in August with all the details. We can't wait to begin our Wednesday classes!!

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN WOMEN



“This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.”

Those near the church on Sunday night might have heard the voices of the people gathered around the campfire singing the fun songs we are so familiar with as we closed the evening of our family night. What a fun night for the approximately 70 people that attended the activities. There were those who sat in the shade of the canopies and visited while the more ambitious people played games. We were so glad to see church members of all ages in attendance. Hot dogs were grilled and added to the many dishes of food brought in. It was a chance to become more acquainted with Curtis and Michelle Simonson who were visiting our congregation over the weekend. Thanks to everyone that helped make the evening a successful gathering for our church. We are so blessed to be able to have fun together as well as worship together. Thank you to Faith Circle for planning the event.

We will have 50 Hygiene kits that will be distributed by the Orphan Grain Train when we finish putting them together. Thank you for your generosity.

The Mission Project for the month of August will be to provide items that can be given to families that are caring for Foster Children. It is so generous of these families to open their homes to children for short- and long-term stays. We can help provide some items that will help with the needs of these children.

The Augustana District Fall Gathering will be held at Faith Lutheran in Hutchinson on September 21. Make plans to

attend. They have an inspirational speaker planned for the day. See the registration form with the information in this newsletter.

Remember that “Hate has 4 letters but so does Love. Enemies has 7 letters but so does Friends. Lying has 5 letters but so does Truth. Cry has 3 letters but so does Joy. Negativity has 10 letters but so does Positivity.” Life is 2 sided, choose the better side of it.

Chairperson Women of The Word
Marcia Heinje

Foster Care organization for families caring for children in their homes

Diapers
School Supplies
Back packs
Sweat suits
Baby outfits
New Baby bottles
Toys and Games
Children’s books
Children’s crafts
Gift cards to eating places, grocery stores, Target, Walmart or unexpired cards you have received that you won’t use

RightNow Media

RightNow Media is a streaming video library of free Bible Studies. We believe the mission of the church matters. And we’ve seen how God can change lives through video resources. If you are interested in joining RightNow Media, at no charge, contact Lisa at the church office at 605-438-9672.



2024 Fall Gathering

Augustana District Women of the Word September 21, 2024

Registration Deadline:	September 9, 2024
Cost: In-person	\$25.00
Online via Zoom: Individual Church	\$25.00 \$50.00

**Hosted by Faith Lutheran Church
335 Main St. S. Hutchinson MN 55350**

8:30 AM Registration/Coffee | 9:00 AM Praise Worship | 3:00 PM Dismissal

Featured Guest Speaker
Gretchen Ronnevik, Author & Jr Fellow with 1517.org



Gretchen is a writer, speaker, and homeschooling mom of six kids. She's passionate about exploring rich theology rooted in real life. Gretchen authored "Ragged" and co-hosts the "Freely Given" podcast. In her free time, she loves knitting, reading multiple books, and embarrassing her teenagers. Gretchen and her husband, Knut, live on their family farm in Minnesota.

**The worship offering is designated to go to
The Sewing Project at Bishara Mission - Kerala, India; via the New Hope Mission Society**

Questions?

Please contact Jan Kreie
Email: jkreie@mediacombb.net
Text: 320-510-1942

Make checks payable to Women of the Word

Send registration & payment to:
Diane Anderson C/O WOW Treasurer
134 Detroit Avenue SE • Hutchinson, MN 55350



2024 WOW Gathering Registration Form

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/State: _____

Email: _____

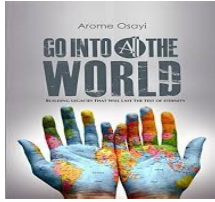
Phone: _____

Church Name: _____

Comments/Concerns: _____

Attendance Options: (please check one) In-Person Individual Zoom Church Zoom

Make checks payable to Women of the Word



IMPACT MISSIONS

MINUTES FROM THE IMPACT THE WORLD BOARD MEETING

July 9, 2024

Members present: Howard & Marcia Heinje, Sue DeJong, Gloria Cooley, Ron & Linda Anderson, Vicki Strege

The meeting opened with prayer for God's guidance to use the resources He has given us to His glory and in service according to His will.

It was noted that Steven Strege has resigned from the ITW board. We thank him for his service on the board since 2019.

Treasurer's report by Marcia Heinje

Noisy change update.

\$1288.92 received for Restore International in May and sent to Restore International

\$648.36 received for FCA Milbank in June and sent to FCA

\$1080.07 sent was received for VBS in April and was distributed to Youth Activities

\$371.66 was received for Vietnam Missions in March and was deposited into the Missions Fund

\$62.68 has been received for Israel in July and is the balance in the Noisy Change Payable Fund

Missions Payable Update

Had a balance of \$9629.40 after the deposit of the rummage sale money of \$3426.45

\$1800 payment made to ALWM

\$52.80 was received as offering in April.

\$266.46 paid to DeJong's for trip expenses

\$1000 out for petty cash for Vietnam

\$371.66 deposited from March noisy change

Current balance of 6987.40

Impact Payable Update

Had a balance of \$9744.44 on May 8

Received an offering of \$85.00

\$2000 was given to Restore International

Received offering of \$120

Current balance of \$7949.44

Updates for Kelly

Decisions made to give \$200 to Alpha Center.

We will give Noisy change to Dynamic Disciples in August

We will give Noisy Change to ALWM in September with

a Mission Sunday on Sept 22 with Bill Moberly as guest speaker.

We will wait until September meeting on September 10 to decide on the Noisy Change designations for October and November

The needs of the various missions in Vietnam were defined as follows:

Mission needs in Vietnam and Cambodia

Help to build living quarters for a caretaker at the Soc Ung

Church (the one we built)

Help to build an education center in Cambodia with Pastor Sam

Help meet the many needs at Dr. Hang's orphanage and school.

Build filtration systems for the churches surrounding the Soc

Ung Church and the churches near Khanh Vinh Province.

Supply quilts for the beds in Dr. Hang's orphanage.

The following items were discussed concerning these needs in Vietnam and other matters.

1. VBS raised \$500 for water filtration projects and wells. We should be able to use this money for the various water project needs in Vietnam. We will need to talk to Laurie Maas concerning this matter.

2. Concerning the need for a house for a caretaker at our church in Vietnam, Ron suggested that walls be built around the filtration system to protect it and a spigot be used for obtaining the water. Ron was given contact info for Pastor Bill to gain more insight into the situation.

3. It was noted that we can rest assured that our money is being used correctly in Vietnam as Pastor Bill gets and gives information to Van, the project manager for Vital Links, the organization that partners with ALWM to serve the needs of people and mission in Vietnam. From what we have seen it appears that everything is done correctly and in order.

4. Pastor Bill will be our preacher for our mission festival service on September 22. Marcia made a motion that was seconded by Linda that special offerings that day should go to Pastor Bill to be used for the mission needs that we designate. Motion passed.

5. Sue made a motion that was seconded by Vicki to make ALWM in Vietnam and Cambodia the September Noisy Change recipient. Motion passed.

6. A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Gloria to give \$200 to the Alpha Center in place of making them a Noisy Change recipient. Motion passed.

7. On Sept 21 we will have a supper for Pastor Bill and Sally so we can visit in greater details about the projects we are considering in Vietnam and Cambodia.

8. October, November, and December Noisy Change will be left open so as to respond to immediate needs that arise.

9. Our mission board has also been told by a reliable source that Operation Christmas Child is being flooded by more shoe box gifts than there are recipients. Many items are just given away to worker. Therefore, we should give careful consideration to finding a different project to support this year.

The next meeting will be held on Sept 10, at 1:30 pm.

Marcia made a motion that was seconded by Gloria to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Strege

July 10, 2024



PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church Family of Living Word,

In my collection of books, there is a treasured one that offers prayers----the kind of prayers you need when you don't know how to pray. The book is called, *Prayers that Avail Much*, with writer Germaine Copeland responsible for most of the content of the book. In light of the happenings in the recent weeks in our country, there is one prayer for our country I would like to share with you:

The People of Our Land

'Father, in the name of Jesus, we come before You to claim Your promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: Of my people who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways;

Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.'

We are Your people, called by Your name. Thank you for hearing our prayers and moving by Your Spirit in our land. There are famines, earthquakes, floods, natural disasters, and violence occurring. People's hearts are failing them because of fear. Lord, your Son, Jesus, spoke of discerning the signs of the times. With the Holy Spirit as our Helper, we are watching and praying.

We desire to humble ourselves before You, asking that a spirit of humility be released in us. Thank You for quiet and meek spirits, for we know that the meek shall inherit the earth.

Search us, O God and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts today. See if there be any wicked way in us and lead us in the way everlasting.



Forgive us our sins of judging, complaining, and criticizing. Cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Touch our lips with coals from your altar that we may pray prayers that avail much for all men and women everywhere.

Lord, we desire to release rivers of living water for the healing of the nations.

In the name of Jesus. Amen

This was one of those weeks for me-----a week where I didn't know what to write or how to pray. I'm sure you have had days and weeks like that as well. There are so many areas in which our country and our world are in a dangerous time and place. I hope you will join me in praying for peace.

With God's Blessings,
Pastor Melanie



COUNCIL MINUTES

LWLC COUNCIL MEETING REPORT JULY 10, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Vostad, Pastor Melanie, Moe Reede, Tim DeJong, Laurie Maas, Kelly Peterson, Adam McMahon and Tina Balling. Scott Maas was also in attendance.

OPENING: Pastor gave the opening prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Kelly made a motion, and it was seconded by Laurie to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT: The last financial statement was reviewed. Kelly requests that all heads of committees send a written report directly to her on all expenditures. Laurie made a motion, and it was seconded by Moe to approve the business manager's report. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

June 30, 2024

Income \$16,776.00

Expenses \$22,688.51

Total - \$ 5,500.05 **

** **Annual** insurance and 2nd quarter benevolences \$13,337.88.

PASTOR'S REPORT: The intentional prayer group is going well with 5-6 people praying weekly after the church service. We are praying for guidance in securing a pastor. Bill Moberly will be here September 22nd for Mission Sunday. The website is up and running. The new phone system is installed. The email to text feature is a work in progress. Moe made a motion and it was seconded by Kelly to approve the Pastor's report. Motion carried.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT: Zem's completed cleaning the chairs and the carpets in the main areas of the church. We will have them return to do the Sunday school rooms and the Den. Moe made a motion to accept the proposal from John Gallagher to fix the cracks and strip

the parking lot. Adam seconded the motion and the motion carried. The weeds have been sprayed on the additional land. Tim will check into planting grass or hay on that land. Tim will check on cleaning the ice machine. Kelly made a motion, and it was seconded by Laurie to approve the Property and Management report. Motion carried.

WORSHIP & EVANGELISM & Youth & Education: Water was distributed during the food give away July 10th and the facilities were open for anyone to use. The next give away is scheduled for September 11th. The Education Committee met July 7th. There was discussion on Sunday School and any changes that should be made for this fall. It was suggested that we divide the students into preschool, elementary, middle school and high school. These will be decided based on the curriculum chosen for the fall. A yearly calendar with suggested activities for all ages was drawn up. The group felt that they would need to recruit help to implement the various activities. There was discussion on how to promote the church and activities on Facebook and other media. The idea of having a float/truck that is available to go to various area parades and events was discussed. Moe made a motion to approve the purchase of signage to be used for parades etc. The motion was seconded by Tim and the motion carried. Kelly made a motion to approve the Worship and Evangelism and the Youth and Education reports. It was seconded by Tim. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Moe made a motion to pay the architect bill and it was seconded by Adam. Motion carried. The Building Committee received the conceptual drawing and will seek more input on needed areas. Brian Sandvig will conduct the annual audit of the church finances. Pastor Simonson and his wife will visit July 19-22. The Call Committee will work on an itinerary.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting is scheduled for August 14th at 7pm.

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

Tina Balling
Council Secretary

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 9:00 Community Fellowship	2 3
4 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	5 6	7	8	9 9:00 Community Fellowship	10
11 9:00 Worship/noisy change 10:00 Chapel Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	12 13 9:00 Quilting	14 7:00 Council	15	16 9:00 Community Fellowship	17
18 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Sept Servant Team meets	19 20 1st Day of School in Millbank 9:00 Faith Circle 7:00 Love Circle	21	22	23 9:00 Community Fellowship	24 Newsletter items due
25 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	26 27 9:00 Quilting	28	29	30 9:00 Community Fellowship	31

AUGUST BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

Happy
Birthday



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Douglas Forster (b.) Rita Raffety (b.)	5	6 Kent Sime (b.)	7	8 Elaine Hallberg (b.)	9	10 Dale & Linda Prisinger (w.)
11	12 Karen Kiefer (b.) Presley Peschong (b.) Arnold & Donna Rehn (w.)	13	14 Marcus McMahon (b.)	15 Dale Aker (b.) Cody McMahon (b.) Oliver Weinkauf (b.)	16 Susan Capp (b.) Collis Dahle (b.) Andrew Maas (b.)	17 Darrel Gullickson (b.)
18 Phil Seehafer (b.)	19	20 Todd Seehafer (b.) Ashlie Veen (b.) Shannon Vietmeier (b.) Cali Weber (b.)	21 Lillian Colberg (b.)	22	23	24 Howard Heinje (b.)
25 Marlin & Janice Fenner (w.) Charles Myklegard (b.)	26 Bernie Balling Jr. (b.) Aaron Busack (b.)	27	28 Zoe Lewno (b.)	29 Collis & Brenda Dahle (w.)	30 David & Linda Wagner (w.)	31 Donald & Carol Weber (w.)

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