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LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

What is a Dad?

A Dad is a person
Who is loving and kind,
And often he knows
What you have on your mind.
He's someone who listens,
suggests, and defends
A dad can be one
of your very best friends.
He's proud of your triumphs,
but when things go wrong,
A dad can be patient
and helpful and strong.

In all that you do, a dad's love
plays a part.
There's always a place for him
deep in your heart.
And each year that passes, you're
even more glad,
More grateful and proud just to
call him your dad!
Thank you Dad...
for listening and caring,
for giving and sharing,
but, especially, for just being you.
~Author Unknown



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SCUBA June 23—June 27 5:15 to 7:30 Children 3 years old—6th grade

The church will be bustling with children and adults June 23-27 to celebrate SCUBA-Diving into Friendship with God. Each evening we will begin with a supper at 5:15 for the children and helpers. Then we swim our way into the sanctuary to dive into some special music and fun activities. The children rotate in crews to four stations: Imagination, Sticky Scripture, Bible Adventures, and Reef Rec. We conclude our evening in the sanctuary at 7:30. We are planning a water night either Tuesday or Wednesday depending on the weather. We will

have a program at 7:30 on Thursday so the children can share all they have learned about friendship with God with parents, family and the LWLC congregation. We are looking for more adult volunteers to help out. You do not have to teach anything and you will find such joy seeing all the smiling faces each evening! Contact Sue, Lisa, or Laurie if you want to help or get more information!

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Dynamic Disciples
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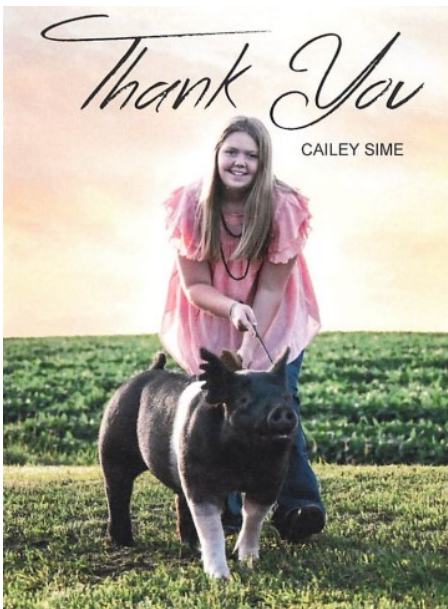
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Pastor's Report
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June Calendar
June Birthday/Anniversary



**2024
Graduating
Seniors**

Cailey Sime
Josh Keeton
Grant VanPeursem
Gabe Beckman
Maggie Kruger



Living Word
Thank you for helping me
celebrate my graduation.
Your thoughtfulness is
much appreciated.

Thank you so much for
the quilt and the bible. The
quilt is absolutely beautiful.
Also thank you for the bible.
I will make sure to use it in
college

From
Cailey Sime

Thank you!



MK THANK YOU
MAGGIE KRUGER

Living Word Family,

Thank you so much for the
support and love you have shown me over the
years! Also, thanks for the NIV Study Bible and
thank you to the Quilting Ladys for the beautiful
quilt! I'll miss being at Living Word every Sunday.
God Bless, Maggie Kruger



DYNAMIC DISCIPLES



The Dynamic Disciples had a celebration for our last day together before summer break. We watched "The Miracles of Jesus" on the big screen in the sanctuary and ate a lot of pizza. We played games and did crafts. We are looking forward to a wonderful summer and to start back with our Wednesday classes in September. A special thank you to Karen and TJ for all their help each week! We also want to thank Melanie and Lisa for all their help and support, too. The Dynamic Disciples want to thank the congregation for supporting this wonderful Christian ministry for our youth!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School Superheroes had a busy ending to the year! We were able to celebrate our moms by decorating planters and then planting flowers. They children also celebrated Cailey and Maggie who have been Sunday School teachers for many years. They are adored by the children and are such great role models.

Our last day of Sunday School we donned our capes, masks, and shields to sing for the congregation and there was a final appearance of Super Diva and Morbidman!

Laurie Maas
Education Committee



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN WOMEN



I am sure you are all busy with your yards. We have certainly been blessed with adequate moisture this spring. Praying that the Lord will send us some sunny days so the seeds can get in the ground and begin to grow.

We have completed 36 layettes and will soon be putting the Hygiene Kits together so that those needing these items will receive them. Thank you for your generosity. Our Mission project for June will be used more locally. We will be collecting items for the Beacon Center in Watertown. The Center serves men, women and their children who are struggling with issues due to domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. You can find information on their website which includes

- Beacon Center Needs
- Boxed Easy Meals
- Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6
- Baby wipes
- Jelly
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Ramen
- Pasta (boxed or canned)
- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Tuna/Meat (canned)
- Bleach
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner

addresses for online shopping at Amazon, Target and Walmart. We will be collecting items in our baskets in the Fellowship Hall. I have included a list of things that are always needed at the Center.

We appreciate all of you that have been knitting and crocheting the prayer shawls. Pastor Melanie received a Thrivent Grant and has been purchasing yarn so there are bags of yarn available for you to pick up at the church.

The quilters have been busy in the past months as you can see by the picture below. We have about 85 completed quilts that will be given to Missions that have a need. We were able to send 100 quilts of different sizes with Pastor Melanie when she went to Sierra Leone. Our quilters continue to meet twice monthly to pin, sew and tie quilts. Our tops are made at home by members of the church, and we are occasionally given quilt tops by generous individuals. We can always use more help at the church on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, or if you like to sew at home that is appreciated too.

Thank you to all of you who help in any way. There are so many things being done at the church that go unnoticed. Just a reminder: Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.

Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change.

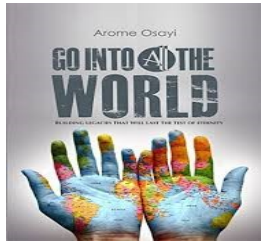
Chairperson Women of the Word
Marcia Heinje



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.





IMPACT MISSIONS

MINUTES FROM THE IMPACT THE WORLD BOARD MEETING APRIL 8, 2024

Members Present: Howard & Marcia Heinje, Sue DeJong, Gloria Cooley, Linda Anderson, Steve & Vicki Strege, Pastor Melanie.

Pastor Melanie led the group in prayer, asking God to guide and bless the mission projects we were considering. There was only a minor correction that Marcia mentioned to the minutes of the March 7th meeting and the minutes of the meeting were approved and accepted.

Treasure's Report:

The mission account has a total balance of \$9,743.84 as of May 8, 2024. The noisy change offering for the month of April was \$ 1,080.07. It was given to support Vacation Bible School. Over \$3,500 were raised at the rummage sale on April 12 and 13. This money will be used by the mission team in Vietnam to support various project where a need is determined. The team will consult with Pastor Bill, and he will take it to Van, the leader of Vital Links, the organization in Vietnam that ALWM partners with in Vietnam. Van will see that the project is done properly, and Pastor Bill will give him the money to do the necessary work.

The mission board wishes to extend a well-deserved thank you to the congregation who has financially supported this mission trip by monetary donations, participation in the pancake feeds, the rummage sale, noisy change and other projects. Through your generosity we are able to have a nice sum of money set aside for the next mission trip.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Linda Anderson brought forth a project request. Restore International is doing mission work in Uganda and the government has a special farming grant that will provide the set-up of solar panels, a solar powered pump, and a sprinkler system. This will cost \$6,000 and they already have \$3,000 for the project. The mission board has set the month of May for the noisy change offering going to Restore to help them with this need. The mission board has pledged \$2,000 toward this project and will add to the noisy change collection additional money to reach the \$1,000 to meet the \$3,000 goal. If the noisy change collection exceeds \$1,000 that money will also be given to Restore. Steve made this motion, and it was seconded by Sue.

Adjournment:

Steve made a motion that was seconded by Linda to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on July 9 at 1:30 pm.
1 John 3:17-18

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Respectfully submitted by
Vicki Strege



COUNCIL MINUTES

No report available

Financial report:

April 30, 2024

Income \$17,727.00

Expenses \$11,972.42

Total \$ 5,754.58



PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church Family,

As I greet you this month, I cannot help but reflect on the wonderful month of May we enjoyed as a church. We celebrated the graduation of our five seniors and had the opportunity to wish them well as they move on to this next step in life.

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrated the Quilting and Prayer Shawl Ministry of the church. Eighty-five quilts were boxed up to be sent to areas of need. We enjoyed the singing by our children at worship as they concluded their Superheroes Sunday School lessons and the Dynamic Disciples' year of learning-----we are already looking forward to next year!

In early June, our work-team of Vicki Strege and Sue DeJong will be traveling to Vietnam with ALWM (Awakening Lives for World Missions), the mission of Pastor Bill Moberly. They are hopeful to be able to visit the church which was built by Living Word a few years ago in Vietnam. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel and effective ministry.

Please remember in your prayers, the work of the Call Committee. They continue to work diligently to bring the right pastor to serve Living Word well into the future. This is an active church which seeks to grow in numbers bringing others to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. As a part of this, we

pray for direction for the Dynamic Disciples Program as we look to serving the future needs, not only of our own church, but the greater community in the area of after-school care for children.

June will be a busy month for me, as well. Roger and I are hoping to make a trip to Sierra Leone beginning on June 20 through July 3. Along with the two doctors who direct the care at the eye hospital, we are taking my son, Marshall, and his son, Jackson, and Morgan's daughter, Olivia, with us for their first exposure to what we have been doing these past 20 years. We are thankful that Roger's health seems to have improved to where he can make this long-planned trip. Your prayers are always deeply appreciated as we make these journeys. More details when we return.

There will be a couple of guest pastors coming in June on the 23rd and 30th and I will look forward to being with you once again on the first Sunday of July.

God's richest blessings to all of you for a wonderful summer!

In Christian love,

Pastor Melanie

A Message from our Council President

It looks like spring has sprung. The trees are getting leaves, the grass is getting green and the farmers are having trouble getting in the field. I guess the more things change the more they stay the same. We will make it through all of this.

We had a great visit with Pastor Cole and his wife. As usual the pot luck at the church was great just telling me that we are Lutherans and that we should have more of them. I thank all of you that made this visit work as well as it did.

The call committee has done a great job reviewing and discussing Pastor Cole and Living Word Lutheran Church. By the time you read this message, you will know the outcome of the interview process with Pastor Cole. A lot of time and discussion with all members of the call committee was involved. It is a good group of people, with good intentions and with good leadership. Thanks to them for all they do.

Living Word Lutheran Church cannot operate without people volunteering their time and talents. I look at the time and effort put forth for Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, Dynamic Disciples, the Education Committee, the Finance Committee, the business manager. The building committee is working in the background. Have you ever noticed what we do when we run out of coffee? You probably haven't, because we don't run out of coffee. Someone makes sure we always have coffee. Have you noticed how clean and well kept the church building and grounds are. Oh yes, a lot of this doesn't get done without the church secretary and pastor. Thanks to all of you that make the church work.

Speaking of volunteering, Rhonda Beckman, Marty Buttke and Dale Prisinger are on the nominating committee for the church council. They will be looking for 3 people to replace those on the council that have their terms expiring. Please consider a term on the church council.

Some of the local churches take turns delivering Meals on Wheels. I believe Living Word comes up about 2 times per year to deliver the meals. The church agrees to provide people to deliver the meals. The obligation is one month two times per year. The meals are delivered by volunteers from Living Word. The route lengths change from time to time and the last time we delivered meals, the routes were short on the number of people receiving meals. (Usually 8 – 10 meals and at times it is less.) If you don't get caught in traffic, it takes 30 to 45 minutes. What is rewarding is that the people you take the meals to are very thankful for the meals being delivered. During one of the deliveries Susan and I made, we delivered a meal to a person and made a serious error. The directions on the delivery list said "No Gravy". Guess what, I had given that person a meal with gravy and by the time we figured it out, it was too late. The next day I sheepishly approached the person and started apologizing for the error. The person said not a problem and I thanked them for understanding. The point here is that we seem to have a shortage of persons willing to deliver meals. The obligation can be for a day, a week or on an as needed basis. Please consider volunteering delivering Meals on Wheels. Living Word Makes a difference.

Gene Vostad, Council President



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPORTS HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

The Sunday School students had their offerings dedicated to Heifer International during the 23-24 year. With great support from several members of the congregation, they raised a total of \$3,128.73. They were able to purchase the following animals:

- 4 Heifers
- 3 Goats
- 3 Sheep
- 3 Pigs
- 1 Flock of Chickens
- 1 Swarm of Honey Bees

These animals will be distributed through Heifer International to areas of need throughout the world. Thank you to everyone who so generously helped them to make this such a successful mission!

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	3	4	5	6 9:00 Community Coffee	7	8 2:00 Ardell Nelson Celebration of Life
9 9:00 Worship/noisy change 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Chapel Communion	10	11 9:00 Quilting	12 4-5 Food Giveaway 7:00 Council	13 9:00 Community Coffee	14	15
16 Father's Day 9:00 Worship 10:00 July Servant Team meets 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	17	18 9:00 Faith Circle meets 7:00 Love Circle meets	19	20 9:00 Community Coffee	21 Newsletter items due	22
23 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 5:15-7:30 VBS	24 5:15-7:30 VBS	25 5:15-7:30 VBS	26 5:15-7:30 VBS	27 9:00 Community Coffee 5:15-7:30 VBS 7:30 VBS program	28	29
30 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship						

JUNE BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

Happy
Birthday



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ryan Hepper (b.) Scott & Laurie Maas (w.)
2 Nathan Bien (b.)	3 Donald Peterson (b.)	4	5 Bob & Pam Nelson (w.)	6	7 Charles Veen (b.)	8
9 Brian & Laura Dallman (w.) Karen McCrea (b.)	10 Ethan Sullivan (b.)	11	12 David Kruger (b.)	13	14 Darrel & Cheryl Gullickson (w.) Kristi Seehater (b.)	15
16 Rachel Berdan (b.) Barbara Hornstein (b.) Scott & Jean Leininger (w.)	17	18	19 Karlie Bakeberg (b.) Matthew Christensen (b.) Gary Ingber (b.)	20 Warren & Janice Beck (w.)	21	22
23 Howard & Marcia Heinje (w.)	24 Dale & Lisa Aker (w.)	25	26 Bradley & Jackie Olson (w.)	27	28	29 Linda Prisinger (b.) Eugene & Susan Vostad (w.)
30 Marilyn Stemsrud (b.) Nanci Van Peurseem (b.)						

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