



The Messenger

*News about our church,
our ministries and our people
APRIL 2022*

Living Waters Lutheran Church and Preschool

Fellowship Committee Events

The Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 12, included delicious spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert. The left over wine from the Wine and Cheese event in January supplemented the beverages. It was a fun evening with 44 people attending. I heard comments that the spaghetti with sauce was better than you get in some Italian restaurants! In fact, there were so many comments about how good it was, that the recipe is printed on page 3.

The next BIG event is the Easter Egg Hunt on April 16. The Egg Hunt will be at 9:30 a.m. for the preschool children and any children (including grandchildren) in our Living Waters family. We will need help assisting the Easter Bunny at this event. This event will be outside. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help.



On Easter Morning between the 8:00 a.m. service and the 10:00 a.m. service there will be a breakfast of egg casseroles, sweet rolls, juice and coffee to enjoy. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for this event also.

Additional Fellowship Events are being planned during the summer months, so watch for more news about them.

Again, thank you for all your support in these events. The Fellowship Committee enjoys planning them and appreciates your attendance and all your help.

Blessings, The Fellowship Committee

Holy Week Services and Events

April 10, Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

April 14, Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.

April 15, Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.

April 16, Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m.

This event is for the preschool children
and children/grandchildren of
the congregation

April 17, **EASTER**

8:00 a.m. Easter Service

9:00—9:45 a.m. Breakfast in the
Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Easter Service



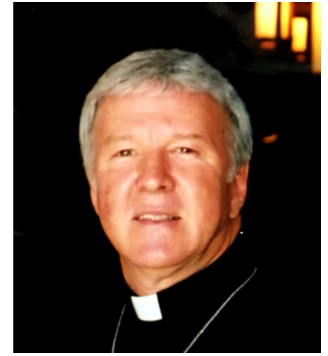
Safe Travels to All our Northern Members

To Everyone traveling this summer, may God be with you and keep you safe. We'll see you in the Fall!

Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

From the Pastor

By Rev. Lyle Truitt



So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"
2 Corinthians 5: 17

Greetings Dear Ones,

My goodness, can you believe it's the month of April and we've zoomed through the Lenten season, and now we're preparing to experience another Holy Week. But most importantly, we prepare to celebrate EASTER!

We know that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is at the heart of our faith. "This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." This text is the heart of the Easter proclamation. God is doing a new thing that brings forth life with every new day. The tomb is empty and new life begins.

One of the precious traditions that we have practiced in recent years as a family at Living Waters is the release of butterflies on Easter morning. After worship in the sanctuary, we gather in our Memorial Garden. And, I present a butterfly (that has been dormant for a period of time) to a dozen or so of those who have joined us, and when the butterflies feel the warmth of their hands and the warmth of the air in the sunshine, they flap their wings and fly into the sky.

And we all shout with joy, "He is Risen!"

Butterflies are magnificent creatures. Truly! They portray the elegance and the beauty of God's creation. And apart from their physical appearance, they have significant meaning in the spiritual realm. As you may know, this beautiful creature begins as an egg that gives birth to a caterpillar. And then the caterpillar is then enclosed in what we, as children, called a cocoon. And that's where the caterpillar is transformed into a chrysalis, so the chrysalis is protected by the cocoon. And finally, from a chrysalis is born a butterfly.

The cocoon is empty! The TOMB is empty!



When the butterfly freely soars into the sky, or onto a shoulder, or onto a head, or onto a nearby cross, it celebrates its new life!

The butterfly is a living parable of the promise of resurrection.

I hope you will join us to enjoy and give thanks to God for this special creature that so beautifully represents new beginnings and spiritual growth.

See you around town!

In Christ,
Pastor Lyle

Easy Homemade Marinara Sauce Recipe

Recipe shared by Pat Bardshar

Ingredients:

2 tbsp olive oil	1 tsp Italian Seasoning
1 cup finely diced onion	1 tsp salt
2 tsp minced garlic	1/2 tsp black pepper
28 oz can crushed tomatoes	1/2 tsp crushed red pepper
28 oz can diced tomatoes	1 to 2 tsp sugar, to taste
	2 tbsp fresh basil

Instructions:

1. Sauté the onion in olive oil over medium-high heat, until onion is nice and tender. Add in the garlic and cook until garlic is fragrant, about 30 seconds.
2. Stir in the remaining ingredients and bring mixture to a low simmer, stirring frequently. Let sauce simmer for 20 to 25 minutes, breaking up the diced tomatoes as you stir, until the sauce is thickened.
3. Serve warm over fresh pasta and enjoy.

Notes for Freezer Options—Marinara sauce can be stored frozen in an airtight container for up to 3 months. Let defrost in fridge and reheat over low heat or in the microwave.



The youngest member of the Living Waters Family was baptized on Sunday, March 27. Jenesis Sweet Mary Jones is held by mother Rae, and brother Jalil is held by dad, Ruben.

And on Sunday, April 3, new members were received. Please welcome Peg and Ed Brunner and Jill and Bill Roeder.



Also received as new members were Joyce Finke, Linda and Al Swab, and Melody and Leo Ditchcreek. Missing from the pictures are Barry and Vivian Berquist

Living Waters Lutheran Church & Preschool — February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	2
3 Worship Service 10:00 AM	4	5 Prayer Team Bible Study 1:00 PM	6 Cut Ups 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	7 Preschool Chapel 10:20 AM Community Dinner 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Choir Practice 5:15 PM	8 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	9
10 Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM	11 Church Council Meets 1:00 PM	12 Prayer Team Bible Study 1:00 PM	13 Bible Study 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	14 Maundy Thursday (Day of Last Supper) Bread Ministry 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00 PM	15 Good Friday Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 PM AA Meeting 8:00 PM	16 Holy Saturday (Easter Eve and Last Day of Lent) Annual Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 AM
17 Resurrection/Easter Sunday Worship Service 8:00 AM Breakfast 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM	18	19 Prayer Team Bible Study 1:00 PM	20 Cut Ups 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Preschool Chapel 10:20 AM	21 Community Dinner 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Choir Practice 5:15 PM	22 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	23 Council Retreat 9:00 AM
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Council Meeting Recap - March 14, 2022

Submitted by Barb Cartwright, Council Secretary

The meeting opened with a devotion and prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting on February 14, were approved.

Fellowship events have had strong attendance and are being planned to continue through the summer.

The maintenance team has been busy pressure washing the front exterior of the church and patching ceiling cracks in the sanctuary.

Financial giving and attendance have seen

increases over last year. To date, since 2021, 23 new members have been received.

A community Ukraine and Eastern Europe Crisis Prayer Service and Collection will be planned for Sunday, March 27.

A Council Goal Setting Retreat is planned for Saturday, April 23.

The next council meeting will be Monday, April 11, at 1 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Happy Birthday

Surprise someone on this list by sending a birthday greeting



April 1	Mary Citrone
April 3	Ray Budde
April 4	Susan Freese
	James Godshall
April 10	Sharon Skelley
April 12	Rita Norton
April 13	Dennis Stankiewicz
April 16	Barb Cartwright
April 17	Gerald Beauregard
April 20	Gayle Backiel
April 21	Stephen Vaughan
April 24	Marty Savard
April 30	Peggy Proto

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