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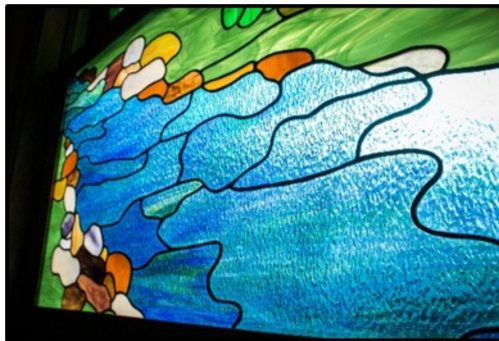
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A monthly publication to keep you informed about the ministry of Living Water and the opportunities for you to grow your relationships with the Lord and each other.

Sermon Series: The God of Living Water

"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." (John 4:10 NIV)



The colors stand out against all the neutral tans and whites in the sanctuary. As the sun rises in the east, colors – especially shades of blue – stream towards the center aisle, falling over your hymnal and bulletin as the service begins. Every time we as a body of believers gather on Sunday mornings to worship, the stained glass windows in our sanctuary greet us.

But what are they doing there? Pragmatically, they let in light just like any window. Aesthetically, they provide colorful beauty. Thematically, they carry out the theme borne by our name, Living Water, as they depict scenes of water. Theologically – and most importantly – the stained glass windows tell a story. Yes, each window depicts a scene or account from the Bible (a “story,” as they’re sometimes labeled in

Sunday School), but these individual stories are really just chapters of a larger singular story – the story of how God saved us. But the stories are not stained in windows just to entertain us.

They educate us. They teach us about the God whom we at Living Water worship and trust in.

The problem is, even though we stare at these windows every service, we might not be all that familiar with them. The Bible is a big book with a lot of accounts and teachings about God! It takes work and repetition to study and remember what’s in the Bible and what happened in the stained glass window scenes. We might recall basic facts about the scenes but are fuzzy about the details, their meaning, and their application to our modern lives. Thus, we’re a bit fuzzy about the God we at Living Water worship and trust in.

So, beginning later this month, we will reacquaint ourselves with the accounts in these

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windows and, thereby, reacquaint ourselves even more with the God of Living Water. This summer, we'll examine just the Old Testament windows, starting on July 14. We'll learn not just about the people involved in the stories, but about our God who created all things, who keeps his promises, who leads his people through danger, and who answers our cries. By the time the five week series concludes, the Holy Spirit will have worked through the gospel found in these Old Testament accounts to assure us that in Jesus Christ our God quenches our spiritual thirst with living water.



I'm excited for the chance to hear what God wants to teach us through these accounts, and I hope you are too. Maybe excited enough to invite a friend or family member who doesn't know these stories or hasn't heard them in a while. Or maybe a fellow member whom you haven't seen in a while. As we rediscover these stories we also start to rediscover our identity as God's people at this particular congregation. This congregational identity is not found in the windows themselves. It's found in the truths those windows proclaim – truths about our Triune God who has always saved his people from their sins, just as he promised. May those eternal truths color our faith and stream across our lives even more beautifully than the stained light we see every Sunday morning!

Taking drink with you from the God of Living Water,

Pastor Aaron Voss

Greeted by Green



The abundance of rain has made the earth green with life and growth, and the ideas of life and growth are before our eyes in our sanctuary, too. The paraments (the fabric pieces adorning the altar, pulpit, and pastor)

change with the seasons of the church year, and green is the color of the post-Pentecost season because green encourages growth of personal faith. After focusing on what Jesus did to save us from our sins during Advent, Lent, and Easter, the next few months emphasize how we grow in knowledge of, faith in, and living out Scripture's truths. As we hear the Word and receive the Lord's Supper God promises to enrich our spiritual lives and grow our faith, just like rain from the sky makes the earth lively and growing (Isaiah 55:10,11).



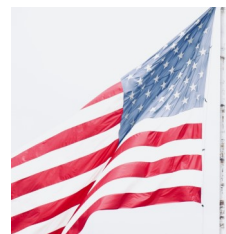
The date has changed for our July Mailboat Tour of Geneva Lake. It will now be Wednesday, July 31. Mail is

delivered to about 75 homes around the lake on a daily basis from June 15 to September 15. We will spend an entertaining 2 1/2 hours aboard the Walworth from 10 am to 12:30 pm (boarding at 9:30). The cost of the tour is \$34. After the tour, we will have lunch in Lake Geneva. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex by July 14. We can carpool to Lake Geneva and would plan to leave church at 8:30. Talk to Bob or Julie McGill for more details. Our summer concert in the park and potluck picnic will be on Sunday, August 25. The concert will begin at 2:00 pm at Lions Legend Park in Franklin. Swing Nouveau, will perform sounds from the 30s, 40s, 50s, and today. Following the concert we will go to Ken and Sue Gawrisch's house for games and a potluck picnic. Bring your lawn chairs and a dish to pass.

Senior Moments is a service organization to provide social opportunities for the congregation. All members, 50 and older, are encouraged to join us for fun and fellowship.

Mission Work by Foot

Have you thought of being a missionary? Now is your chance! Your best smile and a pair of good walking shoes is all you need to help us get the word out about our Vacation Bible School. There's no age requirement to help— young, old, and somewhere-in-between are all welcome. We will be handing out bags of goodies with a VBS invite in the Waterford 4th of July parade. Please contact Pastor Voss, Dan Hanke, or Neil Hankwitz to let us know that you are willing to join the fun. We'll then meet at 5th & Aber in Waterford at 10:30 am and share Jesus!



Seniors' Breakfast

The monthly Men's Breakfast is becoming Seniors' Breakfast. All seniors, men and women, are welcome to join us at the Crossover Cantina & Eatery on the first Tuesday of the month beginning at 8:00 am. Hope to see you there!

Synod Convention

Living Water is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), which meets in convention every two years to discuss and plan the ministry efforts she carries out on behalf of the congregations in the synod. This year's convention is July 29 – August 1 at Martin Luther College (New Ulm, MN), our synod's college of ministerial training. Information about the convention, including written updates on WELS ministries and a link to live video can be found at <https://wels.net/news-media/2019synodconvention/>.





Vacation Bible School

Join the crew as we “Set Sail with the Son” at VBS this year. VBS will be held on Monday, July 22—Thursday, July 25. A free, family dinner will begin at 5:15 pm each night. Activities for children ages 3 through 6th grade will run from 6:00-8:00 pm. Register on our website! Please invite family and

friends to come with you and learn about God’s love.

Many volunteers are needed for VBS. Please contact Dan Hanke at (608) 215-1467 or hankedan@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.

Donations of various items help the week run smoothly. Please check the bulletin board in the narthex for food items that can be donated.

Supper Menu

Monday—Spaghetti & Garlic Bread

Tuesday—Taco Tuesday

Wednesday—Breakfast for Dinner

Thursday—Hot Dogs & Brats

Save Lives While You Ride

WELS Lutherans
for Life invites



you to the SOUL

Ride motorcycle event on Saturday, July 27! Enjoy a scenic ride through Southeastern Wisconsin while supporting the life-saving mission! The day will include morning refreshments and lunch, along with spiritual encouragement and fellowship with other supporters of the ministry. Participants will meet at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls between 9:00 and 10:00 AM and ride to lunch at Fat Joe’s in Fond du Lac. Funds raised will support saving lives while providing real help and real hope to moms, dads, and babies. For more information, please visit www.SOULRide.org or call (414) 727-8176.

Camp Phillip



Would you like your child to grow spiritually while surrounded with great activities, Christian friends and role models? Camp Phillip is affiliated with the WELS and still has room in its summer camps for children from grades K-8. Check it out at www.campphillip.com/youthprograms.

The new cabin is almost done, but financial support is still needed to finish the project. The lodge addresses camp’s three greatest needs: more lodging, more handicap facilities, and more meeting space. Your support of \$10, \$100, \$1000, \$10000 means we can reach MORE people with God’s Word. For construction progress, check out www.campphillip.com/constructionupdates. To donate online, head to www.campphillip.com/donate.

I AM the Good Shepherd TEEN DEVOTION

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

—John 10:11 (NIV)

Sheep are not very intelligent animals. In 2005, shepherds in Turkey watched 1,500 sheep walk off a cliff because the neighboring shepherds were not paying attention for a few minutes. Sheep are also defenseless. They don't have horns, stripes, or speed to use as protection or for disguise. Sheep need a shepherd, because without one, they are an easy target for whatever predator gets to them first.

You also need a shepherd to guide you through life on the path to heaven. Trying to find your own path will lead to a terrible place. By nature, you won't wander toward God but away from him. Following the crowd is dangerous too. Unless they know the true God, they are as lost as you are. You are also defenseless against the attacks of Satan. He is like a roaring lion looking to devour you. Temptation is always lurking for you, waiting to pounce like a tiger in the tall grass. Like sheep you are dumb and defenseless. Like sheep, you need a shepherd.

Thank God you don't have an ordinary shepherd, but the Good Shepherd, Jesus. He said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." You would have ended up in hell on your own, but Jesus laid down his life for you, his sheep, to lead you into heaven. Satan had his sharp teeth and piercing claws ready to pounce on you, but Jesus destroyed the devil on the cross. He has no power over you. He is no longer a threat to you because of Jesus.

Rest secure. Each day when you wake up ready to face everything the world is going to throw at you, remember that you have the Good Shepherd watching over you. He will lead you in paths of righteousness. He will not let any harm come to you that he will not work out for your good. Yes, Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He is YOUR good shepherd.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, my victorious Savior, I pray that your will be done. Destroy the work of the devil and his demons. Stop all of those who oppose your Gospel. As the Good Shepherd, guide and guard me, and bring me to glory everlasting. Amen.

Teen Devotions are brought to you by WELS Commission on Youth and Family Ministry.

Prayer

This month we remember in our prayers:

- Our nation, that the Lord of nations lead us to be thankful for the blessings he gives us through his authoritative representatives at the local, state, and federal levels. May we use our freedoms to grow in our faith at worship, to bring God praise, to spread his Word to others, and to pray for all our leaders that they may lead with integrity, wisdom, and selflessness. God command his angels to watch over all who celebrate Independence Day.
- Our vacation Bible school, that God would bless the efforts of our volunteers and teachers and that he bring children and families to whom we can share God's message of sin and grace with.
- For our July voters meeting, that God give to each of us members a desire to be involved in the ministry God has given to this church; that our congregational leaders direct the affairs of the congregation with clarity, humility, and bold trust; and that the discussions had and the decisions reached may result in the strengthening and creation of faith, all to the glory of God and his kingdom.
- For our synod's convention, that through it God might bring his kingdom to souls through the worship, discussion, and work done among the convention's delegates.

We pray these things for the sake of Jesus Christ who died and rose to give us access to the living waters of forgiveness and the privilege to pray to our Father through his Holy Spirit. Amen.



From the President's Desk

With the upcoming Open Forum & Voters' Meeting, this month's Council Corner will feature a note from the congregation president highlighting the agenda items at this meeting.

An Open Forum & Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 14 following the worship service. The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall. You are all most cordially invited to attend.

The meeting will open with a 20 minute Bible class led by Pastor Voss.

Reports from our various committees will be given. These are designed to give you a clearer picture of what has been and is going on in our various areas of ministry.

A recommendation from Elders and Council regarding replacement of our current projection system will be presented.

We will also be asking all voting members to sign a new voters' registry.

Please save-the-date, join us, and be an active participant in the business of our congregation.

If you have any questions on these items, please speak to myself or another member of church council.

Thank you.

Mike Graffenius

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 pm Worship	2 8:00 am Seniors' Breakfast	3	4 11:00 am Start of Waterford Parade	5	6
7 8:20 am Prayer Group 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Bible Class	8 7:00 pm Worship with Communion 8:00 pm Elders Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
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Worship Information

Sunday Worship Service - 9:00 AM
Sunday Education Time - 10:30 AM
Monday Worship Service - 7:00 PM

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2019 Church Council

Here is a list of people to contact if you have any questions or suggestions regarding anything happening in our ministry. Also, if you send a single e-mail to council@livingwaterlutheran.com, it will reach all members of our Church Council.

Mike Graffenius—President
Jim Mertz—Treasurer
Craig Scherbarth—Financial Sec.
Bob McGill—Secretary
Jeff Roska—Head Elder
Neil Hankwitz—Outreach
Gary Steffens—Trustee
Brian Haag—Education



Food, Fellowship & Fun at the Church Picnic

Sunday, August 11
beginning at 11:00 am