



2023 **ANNUAL** **REPORT**

**LIVINGWATERS
CHURCH**

The Lord our God

Past, Present & Future

Past: What an incredible year 2023 has been for LivingWaters! The numbers of baptisms, members, offerings, outreach touch points and partnerships with equipping ministries were stronger than in our past few years, but the stories behind those numbers are even more exciting causing us to praise God's faithfulness.

O LORD, you are my God; I exalt you & praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things. Isaiah 25:1

Present: Today is a gift from God, filled with reasons to rejoice and occasions of mourning for many in our church body. Waves crashing against us will not overcome or keep us from worship!

He gives strength to the weary; increases the power of the weak. I will strengthen you and I will help you. Isaiah 40:29; 41:10

Future: I am convinced that God's presence & provision has been our help in the past and I am more than confident that He will continue to guide & lead us as we put our trust in Him, the Lord our God who is with us, for us & will uphold us in 2024.

*"Do not fear, for **I am with you**; do not be dismayed.
For **I am your God. I will strengthen you & I will help you.**
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* Isaiah 41:10

- Pastor Scott Peterson

MISSION

*Is to love God,
love others,
and grow disciples
by bringing the
refreshing message
of Jesus Christ to
all people.*

PURPOSE

*Is to Glorify God
through living a life
worthy of the calling
we have received in
Christ Jesus.*

VALUES

Worshiping

Accepting

Teaching

Equipping

Reconciling

Serving



OPEN ARMS

21

New Members

10

Baptized

10k

**People attended
Sunday Servies**

233

**Average Fall
Attendance**

28.6

**Percent increase
in attendance
Worship &
Education**

61

**Average views
on LWC Youtube
Sermon Series**

OUTREACH

Vacation Bible School
93 Kids attended
(50% kids outside LWC)

L.I.F.E Center
6 Classes in 2023
and **2 Conferences**
(Average attendance >60)

15 Organizations Served

Front Yard Festival
300 meals served
139 adults and 121 kids



85 bags
of Groceries
given out

70+ bags
of school supplies

YOUTH

"I definitely feel like I belong. They are the best second family I have!"



**# of Local
High Schools
Represented**



**Youth &
Adults on
Retreat**



**Youth Group
Projected
Total by 2027**



**Average
Wednesday
Attendance**

MISSIONS



13 **Missionary
Partners**



4 **Short Term
Mission Trips**

In the fall, we started supporting Cross Cultural Initiative & a local Native pastor.

FAMILY TESTIMONY

“Our family has been so very blessed by LivingWaters since we started attending about a year ago. For the first time in our married lives, we feel like we have a home church that reminds us of the wonderful childhood church experiences we each had growing up and we are so thankful that our children are now getting to have that experience as well. It has been a real encouragement to us, finding a community full of people who are seeking after God, and we have felt welcomed into that community since the first time we walked in the doors. Attending LivingWaters has been such a restorative experience for us and we are grateful to be part of the work God is doing here.”

The Bruce Family
Peter, Sophie, Elijah,
Jocelyn, Archer,
Deacon, & Colette



FINANCES

GIVING RECEIVED 2023

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

624,624

2023 CHURCH EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION

340,196

OPERATING EXPENSES

12,895

FACILITIES

125,309

MINISTRIES

24,162

MISSIONS

62,462

TOTAL

\$564,903

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

ADMINISTRATION	+4%	354,646
OPERATING EXPENSES	+72%	22,154
FACILITIES	+18%	147,700
MINISTRIES	+54%	37,100
MISSIONS		62,844
TOTAL		\$628,444

For full details on finances at LivingWaters visit livingwatersmn.com and log in to see the Family Business Section or scan the QR code.





OBSTACLES REMOVED

God's people have been faithful and generous in our effort to reduce the outstanding loan on our property.

BALANCE AT START OF '23

\$933,478

SINGLE GIFT

100,000

OFFERINGS/PRINCIPLE PAYMENTS

150,437

TRANSFER FROM GIVING SURPLUS

60,000

BALANCE AT END OF '23

\$623,437

Praise God for the faithfulness of His people!



GET CONNECTED

Gathering on Sundays in person at 9 am and 10:30 am
and online at 10:30 am

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