

*Living Waters News*  
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Peace be with you in the name of Christ.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, which has devastated our neighbors to the south, we need to continue to pray that the lives affected by the hurricane will receive assistance to begin a new life. If we have never experienced being in a hurricane, walk a mile in the footsteps of those who have. Thank God for all who survived, and pray for the souls of those 100+ who lost their lives in the storm.

Here in the beautiful mountains of Western Caroline, we are enjoying cool evenings. Fall has arrived and foliage is beginning to turn into majestic colors, the leaves are Falling and will return in the springtime.

Gardens and fields have been harvested, if not, they soon shall be. Some people may be preparing for the winter season ahead by stockpiling wood supplies, or canning vegetables from the garden which will be used throughout the winter season. As daylight time grows shorter and nighttime grows longer, we wish for a mild and short winter. The fall and winter holidays will soon be here and gone, and we'll wonder how time can fly by so fast: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas: slow down time, so we may enjoy our family and friends, thank God for each and every minute we live, live every minute as if it's the last minute we have to live.

In our church year, we are preparing to celebrate the October festival of Reformation Day, a day in which we celebrate the gospel of Christ, the good news that sets us free. On the Sunday of Reformation Day, we sing Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress" which is a paraphrase of Psalm 46. Psalm 46: 1-3 reads: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and tremble with its tumult."









It is a great comfort to know that even though our lives are changing, reforming, and renewing, God is indeed our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. God has been very present in our ministry here at Living Waters, the Holy Spirit has shown himself through all of our friends and supporters who have reached out to us in our time of need. Thank God for all of you who have kept us going with your prayers and gifts of your time, talents and financial gifts. There are still many "highs and lows" in this ministry, but we're so thankful that God has blessed us with you. It is through this newsletter you are receiving that you can see the many things that are happening here, and knowing that we use the many gifts to carry on the work that God has sent us here to do. If you haven't been able to visit us here at Living Waters, and are able to do so, please come. We would love to meet and greet you, and tell you about God's work and our hands that do it.

We are so blessed by the love of God. Amen

Pastor Jack

We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe by telling the how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life.  
 Be the light that helps others see; it is what gives life its deepest significance.

 <p><b>Living Waters Food Pantry</b>  <b>October</b>          12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup>          26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup></p> <p>If you or your organization would like to have a food drive for LW food pantry please contact Lisa or Pastor Jack.          If you would like to contribute financially to the Living Waters Food Pantry please designate your check in the memo line to Food Pantry.</p>	 <p>Current wish list of the Food Pantry and Resource Center</p> <p>Canned Meat, Cereal, Saltine Crackers, Ramen Noodles, Hamburger Helper          Dish Soap, Shampoo, Deoderant, Bar Soap,</p> <p>Women's and Men's          Large, XL, 2X, 3X clothing.          Teen Girl, Teen Boy and Children's clothing          Linens</p>
 <p>Thank you to Ben G for finishing the fencing project around the colvert at the bottom driveway.          We appreciate your help.</p>	 <p>Thank you to those who helped prepare the Cultural Meal for the Synod Staff while they visited with us. You are appreciated.</p>
 <p>Congratulations to Bob Reed in being chosen to attend the Blue Ridge Honor Flight to Washington DC.          While in Washington the Veterans were recognized for their Military Service.</p>	 <p>October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please take the time to thank your pastor for all they do for you.          One of the best things you can do for your pastor is remember him in your prayers.</p>
 <p><b>Indigenous Peoples Day</b></p> <p>Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> we will be recognizing Indigenous Peoples Sunday at Living Waters. Please wear your Cultural Clothing or something Orange.          There will be a potluck following Worship Service.</p>	 <p>We Wear Orange In memory of the thousands of children who were sent to residential schools, for those who never returned, and in honour of all the families whose lives were forever changed.          May we never forget. May we learn.          May we do better. May we be better.</p>

You don't know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death. But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.

—John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted*

Stop exerting your energy to prove how much you know.  
Continually invest your energy in learning something new.



### Women's Group Officers

Dorine George – President  
Debra Uhler – Vice President  
Josephine Teesateskie – Treasurer  
Lisa Russell – Secretary  
For more information, please contact  
Any women's group member.

### CONTACT information



Living Waters is updating their member directory. If you have not filled out one of the forms located on the table by the door, please do so. The new directory will be available beginning in November. Thank you to everyone that has submitted their contact information already.



If you would like to receive a Text Message reminder of happenings at Living Waters please make sure that Lisa or Le has a current cell phone number for you.

If ever I reach heaven I expect to find three wonders there: first, to meet some I had not thought to see there; second, to miss some I had expected to see there; and third — the greatest wonder of all — to find myself there. —John Newton

### How to Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars Online

Visit [Thrivent.com/thrivent.choice](http://Thrivent.com/thrivent.choice)  
Scroll down and click the "Get Started" button in the "How do I Direct My Designated Choice Dollars" box  
Log in and enter your user ID and password  
Look for your Choice Dollars to direct on the right side of your screen  
Search for "Living Waters Lutheran Church" in "Cherokee, NC" to be taken right to our listing.  
Click on "Direct Now" to direct your designated Choice Dollars to benefit  
Living Waters Lutheran Church.

### By Phone

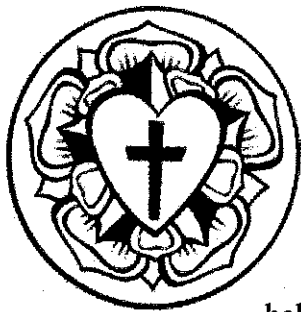
Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice"  
Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear the Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions.  
Please be sure to specify that you want to designate Living Waters Lutheran Church in Cherokee, NC

### You Are Invited!



We invite you to come and visit us anytime you are in our area or to plan a mission trip to the Cherokee Indian Reservation and join us for Worship. At Living Waters we honor our culture and Native Traditions as well as our Lutheran Theology. We begin our Worship Service by smudging to cleanse our hearts and minds and prepare us for worship. We open our worship service using the hand drum and singing the Cherokee Morning song. Living Waters is blessed to have Partners in Ministry who support us through financial giving, Spiritual support and visits. If you would like to become a Partner in Ministry with Living Waters we invite you to contact Pastor Jack at [prjack@frontier.com](mailto:prjack@frontier.com)

You can give voice to truth, you can put forth effort to make a difference.



October 31, marks the anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his "95 Theses" on a church door in Germany. This wasn't an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ ("the priesthood of all believers"), so there's no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose — Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others — and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults "with the best of them"; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states: "In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years."



One of my deepest fears is coming across as if I think I'm better than someone.

Listen honey, if your kids are "bad" come sit by me.

If your marriage failed, come sit by me.

If your laundry and dishes are piled up over your head, come sit by me.

If you are trying to break generational curses, addictions and perversions, come sit by me.

If you don't know where your next meal is coming from, come sit by me.

If you're struggling with your mental health, come sit by me.

If your babies got taken away because you didn't have your life right, come sit by me.

If you have holes in your clothes, come sit by me.

If you are scared someone is going to judge you for your skin color, tattoos, piercings, dyed hair, scars or medical deformities, come sit by me.

I may not be able to relate to all of your struggles, but I guarantee I can relate to struggling. I may not always agree with you, but guarantee I will be real with you, I will love you to your face AND behind your back.

Jesus loves you, I'll love you too, come sit by me until it gets better.

-unknown



The last few months have hit the food pantry pretty hard. During the months of July – Sept we have served almost 2500 families. As families continue to struggle our numbers continue to grow. If you, your group, church, organization or someone you know would be interested in hosting a food drive for Living Waters Food Pantry please contact Lisa at 918-868-4373 or [ibrnc10@outlook.com](mailto:ibrnc10@outlook.com)

God Never says "No" alone.

There is always a comma after.

"No, this won't bring you where I need it to."

"No, I need to teach you something."

"No, you can't see what I can see and I'm protecting you."

"No, I have something better."

He always has a comma.

His "No" always is followed by

His grace and goodness.

Don't spend your day convincing other people how much you care.  
Spend your day putting your care into action.

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity from home, this is an app that I recently started using and thought I would share with others.

### **Be My Eyes**

#### *How the App Works*

**LOOK  
at THIS!**

When the blind or low-vision user requests assistance through the app, Be My Eyes sends a notification to several volunteers. The app works by pairing the blind or low-vision user with a sighted volunteer based on language and timezone. The first volunteer to answer the request is connected to that specific user and receives live video feed from the rear-facing camera of the user's smartphone. The audio connection allows the user and the volunteer to solve the task together.

If you want to learn more about Be My Eyes,  
visit the **Be My Eyes website** (English only) or **contact us at [info@bemyeyes.com](mailto:info@bemyeyes.com)**.

Hi all! I need your help! Quinn's wish has officially been granted. In April when Quinn started her make a wish journey, She was asked to provide 3 wish ideas. Quinn only had one wish... and it was for a pond with a beach where she could pick shells, rocks, build sand castles and go swimming with her brother.

Now this is where I need your help! I would love nothing more than to be able to litter her beach with meaningful rocks and shells from all of you! Big or small! Each rock or shell on her beach would represent the love and the support she has behind her! If you are willing to so kindly select a special rock or shell from your home area and mail it to Quinn with a little memo of whom it is from and where. We would be honored to place it on her beach!

We are so thankful for all of you. When she plays on her beach and touches each rock or shell she will be reminded of all the prayers and love she has with her.



Please mail them to:  
Quinn Romenesko  
N6061 State Highway 55  
Hilbert, WI 54129

Thank you! Thank you, for all your continued support, love and prayers for Quinn and our family! We continue to pray for a miracle. This has been an overwhelming emotional time for us and we continue to stay positive and take things one day at a time. We are grateful for your generosity and compassion helping us at our most difficult times! ♥

\*We kindly ask that shells/rocks be sent by October 21st. *From Quinn's mother.*

You can find joy by being impulsive in the moment.

Yet the bigger, enduring joys demand forethought, along with intentional and sustained effort.

It's easy to know what you want right now. What's much more powerful is to figure out what you want six months from now, or ten years from now.

Your time, energy, and resources are limited.

It makes sense to spend them mostly in the service of what truly matters, of what will last.

Yes, give your awareness to living in the moment. But don't invest everything you have in a fleeting whimsy. Live in the moment while also creating value that will outlive the moment. Fully enjoy and experience all that is, while making good, intentional use of it to enhance all that can be.

With your intention and your work, seek to transform ephemeral moments into the lasting joys of a life well lived. Make the moment mean something, and enable its value to continue.

It feels good to know someone cares.

Be that someone, care about what you're doing and how it affects those around you.

All kinds of possibilities for progress, goodness,

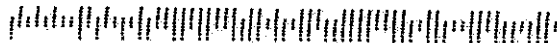
joy and fulfillment open up when someone acts with competence. Be that someone.

The knowledge, systems, institutions, skills and technologies that make your lifestyle possible did not just randomly appear. They were built and improved upon over years, decades, centuries, by caring, competent people.

All those indispensable innovations require care and competence, precision and commitment to continue functioning. The whole world owes much to those who make that commitment and follow through on it, day after day.

Your own existence is a testament to the care and competence of your ancestors and the people around them. Now you are in a position to continue the legacy.

Choose to care about life, putting in the time and effort to grow increasingly competent at all you do. The world depends on your diligence more than you can imagine.



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