



Living Waters Ministries is devoted to sharing and implementing God's love throughout the surrounding community. The Living Waters Vision Council meets monthly to discuss and institute ministry opportunities for the physical and spiritual needs of those within Kenosha County. We are proud of the many initiatives that Living Waters has sponsored, all made possible by the support and generosity of our member congregations. Sometimes, however, we're not as proactive as we might be in relaying what our ministry initiatives are. We offer to you, our member congregations, this brief synopsis of the ministry activities that Living Waters has focused upon in recent months.

Youth Ministry

- Financial stipend provision in support of Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, leader of FOG Youth Ministry, and Garrett Theological Seminary student.
- Financial support to FOG for retreats and outings, especially CONVO conventions.
- Sponsorship of fund raising activities, including but not limited to FOG sale of lunch items at LW fall meeting at the Pringle Center.
- Financial assistance to a young member of one of our congregations who has served the Appalachian Project ministry for the past three summers.
- Sponsorship of Vacation Bible School as a joint circuit endeavor.
- Focus and alignment of strategies to sustain and grow FOG for the future.

Senior Ministry

- Leadership and financial support of Wilmot Senior Ministry, which provides programming to seniors on a monthly basis.

Community Support and Ministry

- Continued financial support to the Sharing Center.
- Continued financial support as well as volunteer service to Imagine Kenosha, a sustainable program of learning and development for western Kenosha County youth.
- Sponsorship of Blood Drive.

Worship Opportunities

- Leadership and sponsorship of weekly Lenten services for the congregations of Living Waters. One outcome of these programs is the production of a prayer labyrinth now available to each member church.
- Movie night (Sunday Popcorn and Movie) in March was so well attended that we hope to offer a SPAM gathering on a quarterly basis.
- Sponsorship of Circuit Thanksgiving Service.

General Outreach

- Tuition assistance provided to a member of our congregations who has received God's call to licensed local ministry.
- Tuition assistance to a current Garrett Theological Seminary student who serves within the Southeastern Wisconsin region and who delivers various ministry initiatives to Living Waters.

- Woodman's Scrip program provides 2.5% reimbursement to each local congregation as well as 2.5% reimbursement to Living Waters. This made possible by LW fronting and managing the purchase of Woodman's gift cards.

Future Initiatives / Needs

- Adult leaders to supplement the efforts of Clarissa (or her successor) in terms of coordinating and articulating FOG activities and schedules.
- Formation of a Living Waters / Circuit 41 Praise Choir? A Circuit Choir for special events and/or appearances at our member congregations.
- Community program featuring the Coleman Liturgical Dancers, scheduled for May 6th at Bristol School.

In summary, we would appreciate your ideas and suggestions regarding where Living Waters may wish to focus its resources. We're not large enough to do it all, but we can reach out with God's love in all that we do. If you have an idea for the future, if you would like to take a leadership or sponsorship role to support FOG, or if you have interest in joining the Living Waters Vision Council, please speak with your Pastor or any Living Waters Vision Council member. We would very much appreciate your input and support.

In Christ's love,

The Vision Council of Living Waters

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