

# LWCC *family*

21/22 SUMMER UPDATE



## Dear Church ...

As we come to a close of 2021, we once again are so very grateful for God's empowering grace and loving kindness. We have all faced many natural uncertainties, and such a changing environment. For some of us our decisions have had major repercussions.

If there was ever a time where "loving one another" is imperative, it is now.

We are very blessed with the prevailing attitude of love, acceptance and family, so many comment on as they first enter our gatherings.

Well done church for maintaining this precious dimension of our Kingdom of God atmosphere, it attracts His tangible presence which is so powerful.

I have very real confidence as we enter 2022 and

journey into what ever is ahead, in knowing the Lord is with us, and we are in Him. This is "our time", we are called to the Kingdom for such a time as this.

We have His Great & Precious promises which are unchanging, and the reality of His incomparably great power that is toward us because we believe.

I thank you for your maturity, and your patience in this difficult journey as we try to work with Government regulations on gatherings.

None of this is what we want, but we are doing what we can, please be gracious and demonstrate understanding with our precious team.

Much Love & Blessing

Pastors Wes & Janet

**Sunday 19 December, onsite & online**

**Christmas Eve**

**24 December @ 6.30pm, onsite & online**

**Sunday 26 December online only**

**Sunday 2 January online only**

**Sunday 9, 16, 23 & 30 January**

**9.30am gatherings onsite & online**

Our Church office will close on Tuesday 21 December and reopen Tuesday 18 January with limited hours for January.

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### PASTORAL CARE OVER THE SUMMER

Let's be watching out for each other and keeping in contact over the summer. We are family! If someone is on your heart, give them a call or take a moment to pray for them...that's family and the body working together. If you have any urgent pastoral needs you can call 03 322 1243.

# Kids Church

2021 has been yet another interesting and dynamic year in Kids Church. We have had a great time exploring God's Word and its relevance to our lives today. We've covered a heap of themes! We began with Rules for Life – learning about responsibility. Then we had our Bake Off theme - all about developing patience which was a great chance to decorate baking and eat baking – Yum! June was a month on outreach. Our kids made some epic cakes to auction and raised \$600+ dollars for World vision. In our month on prayer we introduced the Mighty Minute – a 60 second burst of everyone praying out loud together and it was great seeing our kids lift their voices to bless New Zealand and New Zealanders leaders. We've covered forgiveness and friendship and being a custom creation designed by God. And this Christmas we have focused on God's great plan!! How blessed are we to know that when our plans get all messed up God's plan stays strong!! We don't always understand it but we can trust it because God is good and keeps his promises J

Over summer, while we take a break from our usual programme, we encourage you to keep coming along and enjoy church together as a family. Your kids are welcome to stand on their chairs beside you during worship so they can see and you can help them to know the words of the songs. Kids packs will be available to help them engage with the message and of course a little something to fill their tummies.

Our kids church team is looking forward to our 2022 programme starting back in February and continuing to encourage your kids in their love for Jesus.



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We had great fun wrapping up the year for Gruuve on Thursday 2 December with animals in the big tent, and pony rides outside as we discovered Who's in the Stable! Jesus is the greatest love gift the world has ever seen and it is our privilege to share a little of that love with those who join us each week. We have an amazing team. Our heart is that every little one that comes through the doors discovers they are special and there is no one else like them in the whole world!

We don't really know what 2022 will look like with gruuve...but God does and we can trust Him with that! I leave you with the words of one of our favorite songs that seems pretty appropriate at the moment..."Red light stop, green light go, yellow light means you've gotta go slooow, but what does the black light mean? What does the black light mean? Means you gotta dance, dance, dance, dance all around!"

It's time to dance folks!



# Young Adults

2021 has been a year of great growth. Amongst the myriad of challenges that we all face, great connections and strong relationships have been formed. A number of personal breakthroughs have occurred as we explored the aspects of our new creation identity and contrasted that against some of the common mis-beliefs and conclusions we often pick up on our journey through life. It's been a year of reflection and contemplation for many of us as we seek to discover more about God, appropriating the way He sees us, and stepping into the destiny He has prepared for each and every one of us.

We restarted 'Meals Made With Love' an initiative focused around providing frozen meals for those in their times of need; this has been really successful and a fun marathon of organised team-cooking with the Young Adults. We also started an act of service initiative to provide the family of Living Waters and the wider community with physical labour and support in a

variety of different jobs such as; painting fences, helping families move house, labour on farms and cleaning. This has been a great exercise in demonstrating the love of God on a practical level, but also it has created bridges that have allowed us to spend time with and get to know people we hadn't yet met.

We are looking toward 2022 with anticipation, excitement and great trust in the Lord to lead us and show us the next steps for this community. We have some things on our hearts already and we are excited to build and explore these ideas with you! So if you are interested to hear more and get connected with an awesome group of people then please get in touch.



Please also be in touch if you have any need that we can help you with, we are willing.

Let's get connected,  
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# Youth

What a year it has been for Living Youth!

Earlier this year we felt from God that it was time for a change. A change in our name, in the culture, and a change in how we run our Friday nights.

We felt that praise and worship needed to be implemented in our Friday night services as we wanted this to be a big part of our youth culture. We also knew that we can never grow in our relationship with God without hearing and reading his Word, so every Friday service we share God's Word. With all these changes we felt from God that the name for our youth would be called Living Youth.

On the 30th of July 2021 we launched Living Youth and what a crazy and fun ride it has been. Every Friday night is a highlight, but a recap on some of our biggest highlights are;

## Storm camp 2021

Storm Camp is a Canterbury New Life Youth camp where we join with other youth groups to praise and worship, grow in our faith, have fun, and also meet with some of our New Life family from all over the South Island.

## End of year formal

To end the year off we had our first ever end of year formal. We all dressed up in our fancy clothes and had

an awesome night with games, food, and dancing. It was an exciting way to end the year.

In 2022 we will start back up on February 11th with our youth services, full of fun games, praise and worship, and God's Word. In the first term holidays we have our Storm Camp 2022 which is gonna be awesome. This will be open to intermediates and high schoolers with more info to come.

We are excited for all that God continues to do at Living Youth and are praying and believing for an amazing year in 2022!



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## Connect Groups

We love the connection we see in our Connect groups. LWCC is full of amazing people and we have such a great bunch of leaders and hosts each week who open their homes. Most of our groups will start up in the new year with a few of them connecting over the summer break. In the first term of 2022 we are going to be looking at the Call to Sonship, by Mike Connell. This material is truly life changing. We all need to be confident in who we are, and whose we are! Check out our website for a group near you.



### Want to get connected?

Check out our CONNECT groups online or chat to Ruth (0276844708)

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