

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

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HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD'S LOVE

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Christianity stands or falls on the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

It's kind of a profound statement, when you think about it. A historical event, one that we can clearly demonstrate as a point in history with the surrounding historical personalities and events, is the basis for this entire faith. Plenty of other faiths teach great truths—the golden rule undergirds most religions—but only Christianity has a verifiable event, which if you could prove didn't happen would cause the whole house to come down. As Paul writes, "if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain."

Plenty of people have tried to claim that the resurrection didn't happen. From the days of the early Church, the rumor was spread that the disciples stole the body and claimed he was raised. David Hume in the 17th century claimed that the apostles were untrustworthy witnesses because they were simple fishermen. Modern criticisms claim that the whole thing was invented by the Church in order to control people!

The difficulty with such claims is, as one author put it, "if you take the resurrection out, it leaves a very distinctly resurrection-shaped hole in the story." It makes no sense for the apostles to go to their deaths knowing their proclamation is a lie. It makes no sense in the first century that the first witnesses would be *women* of all people if it was a lie. It makes no sense for devout Jews to confess Jesus was the Son of God if none of it were true. Nothing quite explains the most profound event in history quite like the very story we hear every year on the holiest of holy days, Easter.

And if it is true, then the world can't be the same. If it's true that Jesus did, in fact, rise from the dead, then our hope isn't in vain. If it's true, then Jesus was indeed sent from God for our sake, and what he taught really is how God has called us to be in the world. If it's true, then we really are reconciled to God and one another by the profound act of a single life, and the entirety of history turned on the events of those three days two thousand years ago.

When we gather this Holy Week, in the gloom of Good Friday or the anxious hopefulness of Easter Vigil, in the solemn watch of Maundy Thursday or the raucous celebration of Easter Sunday, we can remember this truth. The tomb was empty, and that changed the course of human history forever. Let's contemplate that reality, the hope of forgiveness, reconciliation, and eternal life, given freely because of God's unending love for the whole world.

In Christ,
Pastor Lucas

God calls us to the waters of baptism, and as we enter the months ahead, keep in mind the following dates that are open for baptisms.

April 15th May 14th June 18th July 30th August 20th

Call the Office if any of these dates would work out for your family. 715-273-4570



In Need of Prayer

Pat Anderson, Chuck Hill, Norris Berg, Jackie Johnson, David Bjork, Alice Christenson Butler, Andy Foley, Danika Newberry, Letty Larson, Colleen Johnson, Ken Arneson, Larry Hoyer, Chad J Peterson, Alexander Kempe, Gary Lundgaard, Ervin Golson, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

Annual Meeting
February 12/2017

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf at 10 am. Pastor Ladnier led us in prayer.

The **Secretary's report** was read. Motion to accept as submitted by Barry, second by Jim. Motion approved.

Pastor's report: attached.

The Treasurer's report: please see attached.

Beginning balance in General account Jan 1, 2016 was \$68.55, Designated account had \$88,434.67, Money market account had \$96,425.32. Balances December 31, 2016 General had \$32.72, Designated account had \$32,560.28, and the Money market account has \$90,978.17. Total giving in 2016 was \$145,153.54. Motion to approve by Rhoda second by Ed. Motion approved.

Audit Committee: Lanette Place presented. Books and records are accurate.

Proposed budget for 2017 was presented. Housing allowance from the parsonage sale is being adjusted yearly reducing the amount that comes out of this account to prevent using of entire funds. Septic system will need replacing soon.

Will do fundraising for this.

Motion to approve made by Jim second by Pete. Motion passed.

Endowment Committee report and dispersal of funds. Rhoda presented, \$2,000.00 to disperse. Request a change in MIM camp scholarship and confirmation camp. There is no distinguishing for the MIM. Motion to approve report made by Larry, second by Ed. Motion passed.

Lutefisk and Fair Stand dispersal. A total of \$17,932.26 is to be distributed. There was a check for \$3,545.12 that was never cashed which was added back to the amount for dispersal. Recommendation of council for dispersal of these funds was reviewed. Motion by Jim to approve dispersal was made and seconded by Ed. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Kathy Young presented nominees. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot and approve nominating committee report made by Deb, second by Rhoda. Motion passed.

Old business: Solar panel report on how much we have saved has been done and reported in the monthly minutes of the council. Jim C to obtain a copy to place on the website.

New Business: Constitutional changes at the synod level. See attached for details, mostly wording changes. Motion made to accept Ed, second by Jim. Motion passed.

Sunday School- Crystal Raleigh presented. Classes from 4K to 5th grade 30-40 kids started the year in 7 classrooms. Now after Christmas they have 5 rooms as they combined classes. They have a new online curriculum which is saving the church money and is below their budget. They are planning to set aside \$600 for curriculum and supplies, \$200.00 for bibles for 4K and second graders, \$150 for prizes, and \$350 misc. (pool party, Christmas program).

Watched a short video from the synod regarding where money goes for mission support.

WELCA is working on helping with human trafficking, prostitution with a prayer project. More to come.

Concern was brought forward to the congregation by Pete Falde, the three trees out in front of church are looking poorly. Need to consider cutting them down to ensure no property or line damage occurs. Will be brought to the property management committee to decide what to do.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Ed, seconded by Larry, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 1053 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Stacy Hansen

Council Meeting Minutes

Date 3/7/17 7 pm

Present were: Deb, Ed, Brenda, Mike, Brian, Tom, Norris, Pastor Lucas, Audrey, Stacy, and Jim.

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf. Pastor led us in prayer.

Greeted Mike Allyn as new council member.

Secretary's report: Motion to approve by Ed, Second by Jim. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: \$31,950.66 in the designated account. \$-36.92 in the general account. We had to borrow \$1,750.00 to pay bills this month. Insurance comes up quarterly which always is difficult to manage. We owe ourselves \$5,000.00 Report approved by Brian, second by Ed.

Pastor's report: see attached

Youth report: see attached

Committee reports:

Worship- hymns though Lent

Conflict Detection: none

Old Business:

Candles- Jim looked at battery operated flickering lights which would be used in place of wax candles. Can purchase 200 for \$260.00. Have a 2-3 year life. Batteries are not replaceable. Ed made motion to purchase these. Brenda second.

Funeral Policy- asked for clarification of member. Council defines member as any person who is listed on our roster as a member. Jim made motion to accept this wording, Brian second.

Confirmation requirement- after much discussion, it was decided confirmation kids would need to do EITHER one mission trip OR 2 bible camps. Luther Point is ours so preference is to use LPBC but a pre-approved (by Pastor) church camp can be substituted. The requirements must be completed prior to being confirmed in the spring of the 9th grade. Motion made to accept these changes made by Jim, second by Brian. Motion passed.

NewBusiness: Liaisons for 2017 Roster

Brian- Property management, LPBC

Jim- Nominating

Audrey- Endowment

Bruce- tbd

(stewardship, worship, and youth)

Mike- Education

Brenda- Evangelism

Norris- Personnel

Dawn- tbd

Easter service- to remain the same as last year. Easter Vigil at 7 pm with fireworks after hopefully. Easter Sunday service at 10 am. Motion made to accept these times made by Jim, second by Ed.

Defibrillator- OSLC needs to have an AED in the building. Fundraising committee will pay for half, if the church can pay the second half. Stacy to investigate grants for this item.

Motion to adjourn made by Ed, second by Jim.

Adjourned at 8:10 pm

The next meeting will be April 4th

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Hansen

Welca Treasurer's Report January 2017

Beginning Balance	January 1st, 2017		\$1265.83
Deposits			
	Coffee reimbursemetns	\$279.00	
	Country Store Supper	\$ 20.00	
	Cards/Dishclothes	<u>\$ 28.00</u>	
		\$327.00	\$1592.83
Disbursements			
	1/17 #3907 Cookies (Crystal Raleigh)	\$ 20.00	
	#3908 Herring/Lingonberries	<u>\$531.40</u>	
		\$551.40	
Ending Balance	January 31st, 2017		\$1041.43
		Designated Funds	\$ 475.24
		General Fund	\$ 566.19
	Library Fund	\$109.86	
	Quilting Fund	\$148.83	
	Kitchen Fund	<u>\$216.55</u>	
		\$475.24	

Welca Treasurer's Report February 2017

Beginning Balance	February 1st, 2017		\$1041.43
Deposits			
	Cards/Napkins	<u>\$ 16.00</u>	
		\$ 16.00	\$1057.43
Disbursements			
	2/26 #3909 Concordia		
	(wafers, baptism candles)	\$ 47.18	
	#3910 Void		
	#3911 Oklee Quilting	<u>\$107.28</u>	
		\$154.46	
Ending Balance	February 28th, 2017		\$ 902.97
		Designated Funds	\$ 367.96
		General Fund	\$ 535.01
	Library Fund	\$109.86	
	Quilting Fund	\$ 41.55	
	Kitchen Fund	<u>\$216.55</u>	
		\$367.96	

Welca Treasurer's Report March 2017

Beginning Balance	March 1st, 2017		\$902.97
Deposits			
	Coffee hour for quilts	\$ 64.00	
	Memorial for quilts	\$ 20.00	
	Funeral served	\$ 60.00	
	Coffee	\$ 25.00	
	Cards/washcloths	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	
		\$ 184.00	\$1086.97
Disbursements			
	3/27 #3912 Marion Erlandson		
	(Postage)	<u>\$ 11.27</u>	
		\$ 11.27	
Ending Balance	March 30, 2017		\$ 1075.70
		Designated Funds	\$ 451.96
		General Fund	\$ 623.74
	Library Fund	\$109.86	
	Quilting Fund	\$125.55	
	Kitchen Fund	<u>\$216.55</u>	
		\$451.96	

Bev Radkey Treasurer

Pierce County Ecumenical Choir Concerts
“OUR GOD – WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE”

2017 Concerts to date are as follows (subject to change):

Sunday, April 2, 2017:

3:00pm – Kinnic Health and Rehab, 1663 E Division St, River Falls, WI 54022

7:00pm – Our Saviors Lutheran Church, N6450 530th St, Beldenville, WI 54003

Sunday, April 9, 2017:

3:00pm – Seventh Day Adventist Church, 4652 Highway 61 N, Red Wing, MN 55066

7:00pm – Prescott United Church of Christ, 206 Locus St No, Prescott, WI 54021

Wednesday, April 19, 2017:

7:30pm – Grace Episcopal Church, E4357 451st, Menomonie, WI54751

Sunday, April 23, 2017:

3:00pm – Lund Covenant Church, W10899 County Rd CC, Stockholm, WI 54769

7:00pm – Gilman Lutheran Church, N8107 330th St, Spring Valley, WI 54767

Sunday, April 30, 2017:

3:00pm – River Falls Church??

7:00pm - St Francis Catholic Church, 231 Woodworth, Ellsworth, WI 54011

Martin Luther Hymnody: Out of the Depths I Cry to You (ELW 600)

One of Luther’s favorite sources to find words for the congregation to sing together was the biblical book of Psalms. The Psalms were the original hymnbook of the Bible, and Luther saw in its words the way a congregation could join together as one voice to praise, to pray, to lament, and to glorify God. *Out of the Depths* is adapted from Psalm 130, and was one of Luther’s favorite hymns to sing.

He first wrote the words to this hymn around 1523, adapting an earlier medieval hymn called *De Profundis* and sent it to other pastors around Germany to encourage them to translate the Psalms into hymns for their own congregations. He set it to be sung in bar form (two repeated musical lines and a longer, different musical line) that was common in a lot of Luther’s hymns. The melody has a dark feel to it, which comes from it being based on a different musical scale than we are used to called the Phrygian mode.

The words of the hymn highlight the Psalmist’s plea that God would come to his distress and help him, forgiving his sin and making him whole again. It’s part of our common Christian experience to recognize our sinfulness and ask for God’s help and forgiveness, so the theme is easily one of the most universal in the Church. Luther had it sung at his funeral, true to its final line: “I hope as Israel in the Lord, who sends redemption through the Word. Praise God

**2017 Atrium Post Acute Care & Preferred Living
combined Schedule for Our Savior’s**

April - None

August—8/23

November—None

2:30 Atrium Post Acute Care

May—5/3 1:30pm Preferred Living

December—12/6

2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

September—None

1:30pm Preferred Living

June—6/21

October—10/18

2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

July—None

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



Backpacks for the Weekend: During the month of April we will be collecting a variety of desserts: jello, pudding, or canned fruit. Thank you for continuing your generous support for this much needed program.

Coats for Kids Drive: During the month of April, we will once again be collecting kids winter gear: coats, snowpants, boots, hats, mittens, scarves. You may bring your gently used items here to Our Savior's. We will have a collection box located in the narthex throughout the month of April. Articles must be clean, no rips or tears, with working zippers. These items, donated to "Basics for Local Kids", will be stored until fall when they will be given to needy families. These families really do appreciate your WARM donations.

Luther Point summer Camping! Register on-line at lutherpoint.org. Make only the down payment. After the Men In Mission is billed for half of your registration cost, Luther Point will contact you for the remainder of the cost.

Note: Friends of Our Savior's campers must indicate in the comments section at the bottom of the registration form that they are going to camp with a member from Our Savior's, Beldenville. Only then will Luther Point know to bill the Our Savior's Men In Mission for half of their registration cost.

If you have questions, please contact Clair Severson

Men In Mission Annual Pancake Breakfast: Mark your calendar and join us on **Sunday, April 23rd** immediately following church. We will serve until all the Sunday school children have eaten. Once again we will be raising money for camper registrations at Luther Point. Your generous donations are appreciated. **Menu:** pancakes, real maple syrup, sausages, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee and milk. This is a Thrivent Action Team event and Thrivent provides \$250.00 for our expenses. As before, all left-over money will be divided up and applied to the canteen accounts of campers registered at Luther Point by the date of the breakfast. Camper sign up for the **CANTEEN CREDIT** must be done on the date of the breakfast. Pancake flour once again is donated by Sturdiwheat of Red Wing.



Spring God's Work - Our Hands: *And I said, "Here I am. Send me!"* Isaiah 6:8

Save the date: on May 7, 2017 we will be conducting our spring GWOH Sunday. Similar to last fall, we plan to meet at Our Savior's at 9:00 AM for a condensed worship service. We will then disburse to complete a variety of projects, followed by meeting back at church for lunch and fellowship. We are

looking for folks to help us coordinate this event, as well as workers to complete the projects. Mark your calendars for this great opportunity to help do **God's work** with **YOUR hands**.

Please contact any Evangelism Committee member with questions or suggestions. Sharon Peterson, Pauline Laughnan, Lanette Place

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us Sunday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm to hear the Pierce County Ecumenical Choir perform "Our God – Worthy of Our Praise."



Yoga @ the Church! Starting Tuesday May 2nd @ 6pm. Open for all that want to join. The class will be a 6 week session, 1 day a week and will cost \$5.00 a class, and you will need to supply a yoga mat and water bottle if needed. Call or email the office to sign up. 715-273-4570, admin.os@dishup.us

WELCA holds their **Triennial Convention** in 2017 in Minneapolis on July 13-16 at the Convention Center. It will include Bible studies, exhibits, speakers, documentary films on trafficking, choir concert, and tours. Cost is \$310.00 until January 6 early discount or \$175/day. See welcatg.org for more information. A bus will be available from our synod for the first day and a return bus on Sunday.

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Mary Halls Peggy Hoyer	Money Counters Norris Berg Debbi Pittman					1 WELCA 8:15am Morning of Renewal Gethsemane Lutheran In Baldwin
2 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour Adult forum 7pm Ecumenical Choir	3	4 Vote! 7pm Council Meeting	5 Lent Service 4-5:30 SOS Kids Crew 5:30pm Supper 6:30pm Worship Choir practice following worship	6	7	8
9 Palm Sunday 9am Worship SS Sing 10am Fellowship (Mission Trip Brunch) No SS Hour	10 5pm Women's Bible Study	11	12 No Confirmation No Aftershock	13 Maundy Thursday 6pm Worship	14 Good Friday 12pm Ecumenical Service @ High School 6pm Worship @ St. Johns in Spring Valley	15 10am Easter Egg Hunt Easter Vigil 7pm Worship (Choir Sings) Fireworks following
16 Easter Sunday 10am Worship (Choir Sings) 10am Fellowship No SS Hour	17	18	19 No Confirmation 7pm Aftershock	20	21	22 8am MIM Meeting
23 9am Worship (Pastor Jon Becker) 10am Fellowship Pancake Breakfast 10:15 SS Hour	24 4:30pm Worship Committee Meeting	25	26 No Quilting (May 3rd) 6pm Confirmation Banquet	27	28	29
30 9am Worship Affirmation of Faith 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour Adult forum						May Money Counters Stacy Hansen Audrey Severson

April 2017

Communion

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Server
April 2 9:00 am	Sonia Yunker Family	Sheryl/Bob Mercord Becky/Dan Olson	Brooke Minder Shelby Lawler	Belinda Foley	McKenna Minder	Mary Halls
April 9 9:00 am	Arianne/John Halverson Family	Audrey/Clair Severson Pauline/Roger Laughnan	Gunnar Allyn Colton Halverson	Michael Chisholm	Nadia Thurmes	Mike Allyn Jim Chisholm
April 15 Easter Vigil 7:00pm	Katie/Mike Allyn Family	Lemoine Baker, Brian Johnson, Wayne Peterson, Chuck Christopherson	Dakota Pittman Devin Denzer	Lemoine Baker Kathy Young Jacob Halls	Alison Laughnan	Clair Severson Steve Straub
April 16 Easter 10:00 am	Connie/Todd Girdeen Family	Ann/Terry Young Sandy/Terry Odalen	Charley Gilby McKenna Girdeen	Ann Young	Tricia Gilby	Peggy Hoyer Stacy Hansen
April 23 9:00 am	Kerry/Ross Christopherson	Sharon/Larry Peterson Debbi/Ed Pittman	Nadia Thurmes Raelynn Rasmussen	Larry Peterson	Ross Christopherson	Roger Laughnan Kathy Young
April 30 9:00 am	Norma Taplin Family	Bridget/Adam Peterson Megan/Guy Stockwell	Haedyn Langer Halle Langer	Heather Johnson	Shane Johnson	Dawn Madsen Linda Steele