

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

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

Pastor Lucas will be on vacation August 3rd - 10th.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

There are a lot of Lutheran churches in our area. And not just Lutheran churches, but ELCA Lutheran churches. We are “thick on the ground” in this part of the country. Many of our churches do wonderful ministry in their area, sharing the gospel with their neighbors through word and deed. But no one church is able to shoulder the whole burden of making the kingdom known.

There are two hundred congregations in northwestern Wisconsin gathered into a synod, which is intended to bring us together to work toward the common good. Synod, in fact, means “walking together.” It is the partnership of all the churches in our area, aiming toward making the kingdom known. So when we hear the phrase “the Synod is doing this or that,” we’re in fact saying “we, together with our fellow churches, are doing this or that.”

I think that’s important to note, because sometimes we can think of the Synod as a kind of government, telling us what to do. But in fact that couldn’t be further from the truth. We come together as a Synod to do what we couldn’t do on our own. The bishop and his staff exist to help us coordinate our efforts to make the kingdom known. They set up ways that we, this collection of congregations, can more effectively do what we are called to do in our context.

One of the ways the Synod is currently looking to improve how we share the gospel is through their Bold Generosity campaign. It’s meant to share resources with the whole Synod, through grants to help congregations get into the technology age, providing learning opportunities to improve ministry, equipping us with techniques at Walking Together, partnering with the Malawi Lutheran Church, and supporting seminarians and first call pastors. It’s a campaign to raise money for these ministries that will enrich our Synod and make our congregations more able to share the gospel, and make the kingdom known.

I’ve set out some copies of the materials that explain just what we hope to accomplish that you can find on the desk by the office door. Consider reading them, or looking at the Synod website (nswi.org) to find out what we as a Synod are doing. We do together what we couldn’t do on our own!

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. **August 20th**
Call the Office if any of these dates would work out for your family. 715-273-4570

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

Date 7/11/17 7 pm

Present were: Brian, Tom, Pastor, Deb, Stacy, Audrey, Bruce, Mike, Dawn, Brenda, and Jim.

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

Guest: Lions club is considering using the fair stand to serve pancakes from for the Beldenville Car show. Donation of \$100 will be made to the youth as rent for the space. This is dependent on having help.

Secretary's report: Motion made by Jim, second by Mike.

Treasurer's report: \$ 15,571.33 in the designated account. \$ -279.11 in the general account. The AED purchase caused an overdraft. Deb will look into a debit card for the designated account to prevent overdrafts after a motion was made by Mike, second by Jim. Report approved by Jim, second by Bruce.

Pastor's report: see attached. Pastor is looking into a lay assistant to help with prayers and readings.

Youth report: see attached

Committee reports: Ballpark has been so successful this year due to the hard work from Donna, Brenda, and Brian. Council recognized this.

Conflict Detection: none

Old Business: 2018 budget Synod is looking for a commitment from our congregation to help the Synod with programs.

New Business: Fuel- we compared what we used last year to what was purchased. Motion made to prepay \$4000 worth of fuel (\$1.19/gal) approved made by Jim, second by Mike.

May need to replace the chapel mic or purchase a second one. Sound system has money in the organ-sound designated item. Will look into where these were purchased, Brickhouse.

AED- the AED which was ordered is on backorder. The company made some upgrades to the battery life and others. To keep things simple will wait for this one. Stacy is in contact with AED grant staff and will look for this in 6-8 weeks.

Motion to adjourn made by Stacy, second by Brian.

Adjourned at 7:50 pm

The next meeting will be August 1.

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Hansen

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND: A huge thanks to all who helped fill the cart this summer with paper products for the Food Shelf. With the kiddos back in school later this month, we will again be collecting for the Weekend Backpack program. During August please bring canned meat. Thank you.

Help needed to work at the Softball Tournament Saturday Aug 5th and Sunday Aug 6th.

First game on Sat will be at 8am until probably about 8pm Sat. night and hoping to start playing between 12:30pm and 1 pm on Sunday until the last game. We will have the outdoor service on that Sunday and then the potluck. We need people both days to work: Grill, Scoreboard, and Concessions. Please contact Donna or Brenda and let us know. Thanks

Everybody Loves A Parade

The annual El Paso Days Grand Parade will be at 2:00 PM, Sunday, August 20, 2017. This year's theme is "Stagecoach Lines". We are looking for volunteers to help organize a unit for Our Savior's Lutheran Church. It's such a fun way to share our love of Jesus. Will you help? Please contact the church.

Assisting Minister Workshop: Martin Luther said, among other things, that we are a "priesthood of all believers." Before, it was only the priest and the deacons who were allowed to approach the altar. Luther saw this as one more way the Church hierarchy tried to separate the people from God. Anyone, he asserted, can approach the altar, just as anyone can approach God.

Many churches have responded to this by having a congregation member serve as an assisting minister, helping to lead the service with the pastor. The presence of an assisting minister is a reminder that we are all welcome to come to God, and that we don't have to be an ordained minister to lead in worship.

I will be living out that assertion of Luther's this fall, and I invite you to participate in the position of Assisting Minister. If you aren't sure what that is or what that entails, there will be several workshops (each stands on its own; it's not a series) where I will lead a discussion on what the duties and expectations of an Assisting Minister are. If the Spirit moves you, please let me know if you feel it's something you can do in our service together. The First Workshop will be Sunday August 27th after Worship.

In Christ, Pastor Lucas

UPCOMING EVENTS



Women of the ELCA St. Croix Valley Conference 2017 Summer Retreat. Be Bold! Be Strong!

Thursday August 10th at Zion Lutheran Church located in Woodville WI, 221 N Lockwood St.

Registration form 8:15-8:45am, program 9-12pm. Cost is \$5.00 at the door.

Come and join the Luther Point Family in supporting the mission and ministry of Luther Point Bible Camp at our annual Summer Celebration on Sunday August 6th, Quilt and Craft Auction! The festivities start at 11:00am and include lunch, worship, a silent and a live auction!

REMINDERS

Summer Wednesday Outdoor Worship: Wednesday at 6pm and will continue until Labor Day.

NO Outdoor Worship on August 9th. August 30th will be the last one for the year.

2017 Ellsworth Area Softball Tournament

Saturday August 5th at 8am

Sunday August 6th 12 or 1pm.

***Worship will be held at the ball field at 10am with a potluck lunch following.**

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

August—8/23

2:30 Atrium Post Acute Care

September—None

October—10/18

2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

November—None

December—12/6

1:30pm Preferred Living

2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

Martin Luther Hymnody: Savior of the Nations, Come (ELW 263)

One of the aspects of the Medieval Church was that music was often conducted in plainsong, sung by monks or other professionals, which the congregation simply heard. In his work to ensure the congregation had a full part in the worship, Luther took some of these plainsong hymns and translated them so the people could sing them. "Savior of the Nations, Come" is one of those hymns.

Sources suggest that it was originally written by Ambrose of Milan, and the hymn was called *Veni, Redemptor gentium*. Luther adapted the plainsong melody and translated the lyrics to reflect the confession we make in the second article of the Nicene Creed, confessing the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Since it focuses on the incarnation, we have come to associate it with the season of Advent, when we prepare for Christmas.

Luther's hymn spread throughout Germany in the *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein* in 1524. It is considered one of the simpler melodies among Luther's hymns, composed of four musical phrases, the first and fourth being identical to each other. Around 150 years later, J.S. Bach standardized the harmonies to what we sing today.

In Need of Prayer



Judie Goodwin, Carol Gilbertson, Brooke Minder, Danika Newberry, Wayne Peterson, Haley Steffen, Mildred Christopherson, Mary Jo Bjork, Alice Christenson Butler, Andy Foley, Letty Larson, Colleen Johnson, Ken Arneson, Alexander Kempe, Ervin Golson, Kristen Anderson
If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Sharon Peterson Mary Straub	Money Counters Ed Rohl Brian Johnson	Pastor Lucas will be on vacation August 3rd—10th				
		1 7pm Council Meeting	2 6pm Outdoor Worship	3	4 6pm Feed My Starving Children	5 8am Softball Tournament
6 10am Worship (Pastor Paul) Ball Field Potluck Lunch 1pm Softball	7	8	9 6am Pie making 5:30pm Soup, and Hamburger Patty making No Outdoor Worship	10 6am Pie Making 8:15am St. Croix Valley Conference Woodville WI	11 6am Pie making	12 6am Pie making
13 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	14 5:30pm MIM Meeting (clean-up at Fair grounds)	15	16 6pm Outdoor Worship	17	Pierce County Fair	
20 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 Adult forum 2pm El Paso Parade	21	22	23 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care Service 6pm Outdoor Worship	24	25	26
27 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Assisting Minister Worship	28	29	30 8:30am Quilting 6pm Outdoor Worship (Last one for the year)	31		September Money Counters Dawn Madsen

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	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
August 6 10:00 am	Carla/Bob R-Earney	Rhoda/Rick Foley Ann/Dennis Kiefer	Autumn R-E	Steve Straub		Mary Straub
Aug. 13 9:00 am	Audrey/Rolf Halverson	Megan/Guy Stockwell Crystal/Mark Raleigh	Sam Allyn Colton Halverson	JoAnn Place	Nadia Thurmes	Mike Allyn Brian Johnson
Aug. 20 9:00 am	Jess/Josh Erlandson	Jill/Don Rosenberry Sharon/Joe Seibel	Payton Lawler Shelby Lawler	Peggy Hoyer	Josh Erlandson	Brenda Winger Donna Constant
Aug. 27 9:00 am	Dawn/Joe Minder	Tricia/Jeremy Rouleau Mel/Chuck Freier	McKenna M.inder McKenna Girdeen	Tricia Gilby	Dakota Pittman	Debbi Pittman Sharon Peterson

Thank you for your participation in our worship service. Each ministry participant is greatly appreciated. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please trade with someone. Instructions for each ministry position are posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Rhoda Foley at 273-4865.