

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

August 2019

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

This past year, we have been reading a lot from the Gospel of Luke. Each gospel writer depicts Jesus a little differently to make a different point, but they all say something deeply true about our savior. Luke specifically wants us to see just how deeply Jesus was concerned for the plight of the poor in our midst. He has the strongest words for the rich who fail to care for the poor, the most straightforward commands about sharing what we have with those who have less, and Jesus expresses a particularly strong preference for those who are in need.

Peruvian theologian Gustavo Gutierrez wrote about the way that Jesus lifts up the importance of caring for the poor and referred to it as God's "preferential option for the poor." Peppered throughout scripture is this "preferential option" by the way that God is constantly depicted as caring for the poor, the plight of the poor, and the obligation of the rich to care for the poor. In fact, God only becomes angry for two reasons in the entire Bible: when the people worship idols, and when the rich do not care for the poor.

How does the way God cares so deeply for the poor affect the way we care for the poor?

I have to confess that it's hard sometimes to care the way I think Jesus has commanded us to. We have so many assumptions and are taught so many lessons by our culture about poverty, who is at fault for it, and how best to alleviate it. It makes us suspicious of the homeless person with the cardboard sign at the intersection. It makes us hesitant to help someone who doesn't "look poor." It makes us want to weed out the bad apples as thoroughly as possible.

The unfortunate truth is that our culture teaches us to close our hearts to the poor—it's why we put so many roadblocks to people getting aid. Mountains of paperwork to receive food aid. Demonizing worker solidarity that would address wages. Registration and tracking usage for people getting help from ARC. Rationing healthcare. Being expected to look and live a certain way to qualify as "acceptably poor" to get help. And of course, our culture teaches us that poverty, with very rare exceptions, is the fault of the person in poverty.

But that's not how God sees it. God seems completely unfazed by whether poor people "deserve" help or not. Jesus never makes a distinction when he commands us to care for the least and the lost. The prophets don't make any mention of best strategies or potential knock-on effects. How do we come to grips with scripture that ignores our cultural biases against helping the poor without condition? And how do we come to grips with our own internalized acceptance of that cultural teaching?

Maybe it starts with trusting God. Trust that God knows what God is talking about when we are commanded to care for the poor without condition. Trust that God knows better than we do about the necessity of granting justice to the poor. Trust that God knows what's up when it comes to lifting people out of the depths of poverty.

And if we do what God says, maybe the kingdom just might show up in our midst. And wouldn't that be a good thing?

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 11th, September 15th,
October 13th, November 17th, December 15th**

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

Council Meeting Minutes

Date 7/2/19 7 pm

Present were: Pastor, Tom, Dawn, Bruce, Jill, Randy, Deb, Ann, and Mary. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf.

Pastor led us in devotions. Act 16:6-15

Guest: none

New Business: Stewardship survey. How we give our gifts to God. Stewardship committee wants to put out a survey, but council needs to approve questions before sending to congregation.

Nitrates in water. The well needs to be replaced. Cannot just have sign by water faucets about the nitrates. The church needs to address the issue. The 180 foot well is located in the building which is not allowed. We have 3 years to comply. This is a new state regulation.

Propane prepay. Bruce made a motion to prepay \$4500 for propane at \$1.29/gallon. Randy 2nd.

Insurance. Pastor will cover the difference in health insurance while Annie is between congregations.

Lifetouch. Photo directory pictures will be taken Oct 28 to Oct 30. Directory will be small spiral bound. All friends and family are welcome to get photos taken. Photos are ordered online and not at the time photos are taken. There is help available for those uncomfortable ordering photos online. Backdrop color chosen was call "caramel". If you bring a food pantry item, you will be given a \$5 coupon towards you photo purchases.

July outdoor ballpark worship services. July 21 at 10 am, Mission trip kids will talk about their experiences and pot-luck lunch to follow. July 28 at 10:30 am, MIM are sponsoring LPBC to lead worship. Area churches are invited. Flyers are posted. There is no fire number at the ball park, so the address on flyer is OSLC. Pork dinner \$8 adults, \$4 kids 4 to 12, under 4 is free.

Old Business: Ministry planning event. The event went well. A lot of ideas were shared between committees. This will be a yearly planning event in March for new committee members. Each committee needs to have 3 goals and plan of action to achieve goals turned in to Ann Young by July 21. She will make a score card to help ensure goals are being attained.

Secretary's report: Reviewed. Motion made to approve by Randy, second by Jill. Passed as written.

Treasurer's report: \$10,385.65 in the designated account. \$20,329.64 is loan to general account from designated account. \$-457.05 in the general account. Text giving has started. Need to promote more. 715-602-4211 is the phone number to text your giving. Vanco charges \$5.00 per month for the text giving. You can only use give 2 times in a 24 hour period. Card reader is available on tablet each Sunday. See usher or council member. Motion made to approve by Ann second by Bruce.

Pastor's report: see attached.

Youth report: see attached

Committee reports: Evangelism. GWOH will be Sept 8. Property. Thank you to Dick Leonard for hauling and donating black dirt. Worship. Dawn and Patricia are exploring CCLI and Sundays and Seasons web sites subscription prices and services.

Conflict Detection: none

Motion to adjourn made by Deb. 2nd by Bruce.

Adjourned at 8:29 pm.

The next meeting will be Aug 6th at 7 pm.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH



BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND: for the month of August we will be collecting school supplies for the GWOH school supply project which will go to the Ellsworth School District for needy families. Thank You once again for your generous donations to our grocery cart.



Thank You to everyone who came to the brainstorming meeting for the Fall GWOH day of service which will be on Sunday September 8, 2019. If you were unable to attend the meeting, there is still time to get your suggestions on the schedule for that day. We have some projects with leaders and some that will need a leader. This is what we have: Back to school supplies – Kathy Young, soup for shut-ins – Brian Johnson, pillowcase dresses for Haiti – Sharon Peterson, random acts of kindness – Lanette Place, residential property clean-up for members needing assistance – Bruce Place and Steve Straub, wash fire trucks – Larry Peterson, cemetery clean-up – Roger Laughnan, quilting – Rhoda Foley. Projects that need a leader are: knitting class for Pierce County Jail (Stacy Hanson), Care Center Games, refugee folders/writing letters to shut-ins. We will be having a potluck lunch that day also. Feed My Starving Children, Luther Point Bus Trip, doing something for El Paso Days church service or parade, doing Bible verses for fair stand and tables were suggestions that could be done before or after the GWOH day of service if you are not able to be with us on the 8th. Any questions or suggestions please contact the Evangelism Committee – Heather Johnson, Pauline Laughnan, or Sharon Peterson.

The Nominating Committee

is still looking 2 people to prayerfully consider being lutefisk supper co-chairs for 2019, and stepping up to chair persons for 2020. Please contact Donna Constant, Mary Halls, or Sue Peterson.

Outdoor Worship: Wednesday nights at 6pm until August 28th.
No Worship on Wednesday August 7th and, 14th

Our Savior's 2019 Worship Service: Atrium Post Acute Care & Preferred Living

August

8/21 2:30pm Atrium

September

9/11 2:30pm Atrium

November

11/20 2:30pm Atrium

Did You Know! That **Life Touch** - Offers a grievance package, it is free of charge. Two packages; one 16 x 20 framed or 1 framed 8 x 10, 2 framed 5 x 7's, 2 framed 3 x 5's and one sheet of wallets. The photo would be the one that is in the church directory. Contact the Church Office for more information.



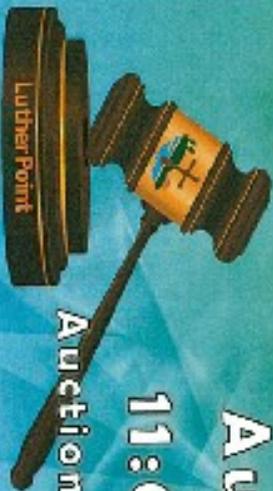
In Need of Prayer

Ed Place, Jeff Bjork, Anna Walentowski, Michele Klennert, Vickie Wilkens, Betty Davidson, Ben Leonard, Alan Nelson, Zachery Caterer, Colleen Johnson, Trudy Owen, and Kristen Anderson. If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

Luther Point Bible Camp's 31st Annual Summer Celebration & Auction

Celebrate & Support Luther Point Bible Camp's Many Ministries

- Donations Needed**
- Quilts
 - Crafts
 - Gift Cards
 - Outings
 - Vacations
 - Time
 - Shares
 - Other



August 11
11:00 a.m.
Auction Begins at 1:00

11525 Luther Point Rd, Grantsburg, WI 54840,
(715) 689-2347, info@LutherPoint.org, www.LutherPoint.org

LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP 31st Annual Quilt & Craft Auction - Sunday, August 11, 2019

Church Name _____ Team _____

Group Name or include that made quilt/craft _____

Short Description: _____

Quilt Info: Eye _____ x _____ One-eye King Queen Full Twin Crib

Fabric used _____ Filling _____

Wadding/trimmers _____

Hand quilted _____ Machine quilted _____

Special stitching _____ Cut/pressed _____ or "folded" _____

Color _____ Pattern _____

Minimum \$10 accepted (if valued at \$200 or more)

NOTE: Quilts/crafts are needed to arrive by July 31!

Attach this card to your items and drop off at the Camp Office. Thank You!

JPG photo Use only
Call Book Number _____ Call Book Number _____

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2019 Pierce County Fair

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Food Stand

Hello Members of Our Saviors,

The 2019 Pierce County Fair is fast approaching. 2019 PC Fair is Aug. 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your time and talent working the fair stand. Men in Mission keep a small percent for upkeep of fair stand and the remaining proceeds go to Outreach Ministries.

Megan Stockwell will be fair scheduler again in 2019. Megan will post the 2019 Fair schedule in the July newsletter and will post at church as well. This will be the 2019 fair schedule that will be updated as changes are made. Megan is currently working on getting confirmation on shift chairpersons. Once this is complete Megan will start making calls to get more workers on shifts. **(MORE HANDS MAKE LESS WORK FOR ALL)**. Chairpersons will be making calls to workers on their shifts to verify if available to work. Megan will try and fill the gaps. Worker tickets will be available this year \$3 each. Please let chairperson know how many worker tickets you will need. **DEADLINE for workers tickets is Friday 7/19/19.** Keep in mind that it is ok to come in late or leave early if the need arises. Also, if you are unable to work the shift you worked in the past and want to work another shift please advise Jim or Megan. You can also work more than 1 shift which would be great. The Friday & Saturday afternoon and evening shifts are always a struggle to fill. **If you know of church members that are not on a schedule and want to work, please contact Megan Stockwell C-715.821.6347 or Jim Chisholm C-715.307.1059.**

Soup making will take place on Wed. Aug. 7th starting @ 5:30pm. Once the soup is cooled soup is delivered to the fair stand cooler. **Soup making contacts are: Brian Johnson 715-307-0074 & Clair Severson 715-273-5019**

Pie Making & Baking will take place Wed. Aug. 7th, Thur. 8th, Fri. 9th, Sat. 10th starting at 06:00 AM. Some start at 05:30 though and that's ok too. I have to say Pie Making is unique process. I'm amazed at the amount of pies that are made each day. I believe there was close to 350+ pies made in 2018. **Pie making contacts are: Rhoda Foley 715-273-4865 & Sharon Peterson 715-273-4255**

Thanks again in advance for your help with the 2019 Pierce County Fair Our Saviors Food Stand.

Regards,

Fair stand Coordinator Jim Chisholm Cell 715-307-1059 james.chisholm@metrotransit.org

Scheduling Coordinator Megan Stockwell Cell 715-821-6347 megankaystockwell@gmail.com

THE 2019

PIERCE COUNTY FAIR

IS FAST APPROACHING!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

AUGUST 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th

STARTING @ 6:00 EVERY MORNING

**YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED WITH MAKING PIES.**

**PIES WILL BE MADE EACH
MORNING ON WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND
SATURDAY.**

IF ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:

Rhoda Foley @ 715-273-4866 or Sharon Peterson @ 715-273-4255

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th
STARTING @ 5:30 PM

**YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED WITH THE SOUP
MAKING AND PACKAGING PROCESS.**

IF ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:
Clair Severson @ 715-273-5019
Brian Johnson @ 715-307-0074

OUR SAVIORS'S FOOD STAND SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2019

THURSDAY'S HANDYMAN: CHUCK CHRISTOPHERSON

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Chairperson:	Paula Chisholm 715-273-5574	
Cashier:	Marion Erlandson	Ross Christopherson - can be handyrr
Pie:	Sandy Ruikka	
Fry:	Steve Straub	
Workers:		?
Mary & Steve Straub Family	Jill-Donald-Gabriel Rosenberry	Payton & Shelby Lawler
Gene - Darlene Ostendorf	Trinity Wilkins 9:30 - 12	Josh Erlandson
Leah Frandson		Breann Hamilton
Jim - Michael Chisholm		

2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Chairperson:	Audrey Severson 715-273-5019	
Chashier:	Norma Taplin	
Pie:	Kay Baker	
Fry:	Clair Severson Lemoine Baker	?
Workers:		Brenda/Megan Taplin
Sharon - Joe Seibel Family		Kayla & Tanner Christopherson
Mike & Gunnar Allyn	Sophie & Lizzie Norman no 2019	Ryan & Shari Schnell
		Katie Allyn
Katie Feuerhelm		Sam Allyn
John & Ariane Halverson +2		

7:00 pm to Closing

Chairperson	Lori Coulson 715-273-3580	Mary Halls 715-273-3592
Cashier	Norris Berg	
Pie:	Kay Berg	
Fry:	Brad Taplin - Brock Schulte	?
Workers:		Beula Gutting
John - Jackie Schroeder	Barry - Becky Johnson	Gayle Knight
Brock - Shelly Schulte	Courtney Kinneman	Kris - Rich Lechler
Todd- Connie Girdeen Family	Nadalie Place	Nate & Joann Place
Sue Peterson	Holly Johnson	Janelle Rasmussen
Connor Johnson	Olivia Gavic	Jerry Halls

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2019

FRIDAY'S HANDY MAN: Chuck Christopherson ?

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Chairperson:	Megan Stockwell	
Cashier:	Clair Severson?	Bev Radkey
Pie:	Sharon Peterson	Teri/Rick Pickle
Fry:	Bob Winger/Larry Peterson	Kerry Christopherson no 2019
Workers:	Eli Stockwell	Mark Jensen
Lori/Donnie Schroeder family		Jenny Janke
Stacy, Megan & Meredith Hanson		Laurie Lundgaard
Kim Halverson		Bruce/Lanette Place - no 2019
Tyler Schroeder		

2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Chairperson:	Bob-Sheryl Mercord	715-273-4269
Chashier:	Rhoda Foley	
Pie:	Peggy Hoyer	
Fry:		?
Workers:	Nate Winger	Tricia Gilby
Amy/Chance Dumond	Jeremy Rouleau	Gabe Frandsen
Autumn Radkey	Dakota Pittman	Mel Murray Lucente
Carla Radkey	Jody Sather	Clair Severson
Julianna Winger	Bridget and Adam Peterson Family	Debbie Pittman
Charlie Gilby	Rick Foley	Jake Johnson

7:00 pm to Closing

Chairperson	Amy Parmeter	
Cashier	Carron Parmeter	
Pie:		
Fry:	Rick Lubich Matt Lubich	?
Workers:	Megan Lubich	
Fred Parmeter	William Carolyn O'Brien	Carla Radkey Earney
Amy Parmeter	Rachael Lubich	Ellie Olson
Eric Kelly Gabbi Parmeter	Jozelyn O'Brien	Debbie Pttman 5-10
	Amanda Gonzalez	Brad Anita Johnson Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2019

SATURDAY'S HANDY MAN: GENE OSTENDORF

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Chairperson: Heather Strand Johnson 715-821-3039

Cashier:

Pie: Janette Schade

Fry: Warren Schade Scott Kiefer

Workers: Pastor Lucas & Annie

Shane Johnson Mark Kiefer

Scott Kiefer Donna Constant

Rolf Halverson Pam Hines

Melanie & Chuck Freier Darren - Lindsay Christopherson

Julie Winger

?
Dawn & Joe Minder & Family
Roger Christopherson Family no 2018
Renee Flynn
Tim Redding Family

2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Chairperson: Sharon Peterson 715-273-4255

Chashier: Norris Berg

Pie: Sharon Peterson

Fry: Larry Peterson Ed Rohl

Workers:

Crystal - Mark Raleigh Abe - Gina Place

Terry - Ann Young Hank Holdorf & Elizabeth no 2018 Betty Davidson

Megan - Guy Stockwell Nadia Thurmes

Amy Rohl George Rohl

?
Jody Sather
Betty Davidson

7:00 pm to Closing

Chairperson Kathy Young 715-273-3191

Cashier Audrey Kiefer

Pie:

Fry: Tom Holdorf

Workers:

Don Rosenberry Jeff Nelson & Girls Wendy Wilbur

Larry Young Melanie/Chuck Freier & Family Wayne/Bonnie Peterson

David - Lori Kiefer Reed - Karen - Becca Oeltjin Ali Kees

Ken - Amy Matzek

?
Wendy Wilbur
Wayne/Bonnie Peterson
Ali Kees

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2019

SUNDAY'S HANDY MAN:

9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Chairperson: Bruce and Lanette Place - yes 2019

Cashier:

Pie:

Fry: Brian Johnson - Yes 2019

Workers:

Lurene Johnson Belinda Foley & Karli yes 2018 10am

Sonja Yunker Carl Hendrickson

Dawn, Brian & Anthony Madsen yes 2019

Sandy/Terry Odalen Ben Johnson - yes 2019

Ross Christopherson?

Ann/Brett/Chase Unser

Sue Palmquist

Brad Baker

Linda Steele

Michelle Johnson

Donna Constant

2:00 pm to CLOSING

Chairperson: Pauline Laughnan 715-273-4942

Chashier: Helen Anderson

Pie:

Fry: Tom Place Roger Laughnan

Workers:

Clint Anderson Mike Peterson

Dennis - Ann Kiefer Family Nadia Thurmes

Alison Laughnan Marlys Aspen

?

Rachel Mancuso

Erin - Chris Kirchner

Peter Falde

Algot Anderson to clean filters each morning.

There are members that will be coming in to work when they have a free moment so welcome them in when they come to help. Thanks for all the good help.

If something comes up and you can't make your shift, please call your chairperson or Jim Chisholm 715-307-1059. If you can help out during the fair at any other time feel free to stop in and see if they need your help. I'm sorry if we missed anyone that wanted to work. If you are not on the schedule and you want to be let Megan know 715-821-6347 or megankaystockwell@gmail.com.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING OUT AT THE FAIR & BEHIND THE SCENES AT CHURCH!!!

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Sharon Peterson Mary Straub	Money Counters Tom Holdorf	Pastor Lucas will be out of the Office August 5th—10th and on vacation August 12th—18th				
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4 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 10:30am Adult Forum	5	6 7pm Council Meeting	7 6am Pie Making 5:30pm Soup Making No Outdoor Worship	8 6am Pie Making	9 6am Pie Making	10 6am Pie Making
				2019 Pierce County Fair		
11 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 11am Luther Point Summer Celebration	12 5:30pm MIM Meeting (Clean-up at church stand)	13	14 No Outdoor Worship	15	16	17
18 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour No Adult Forum	19	20	21 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care Service 6pm Outdoor Worship	22	23	24
25 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour	26	27	28 8:30am Quilting 6pm Outdoor Worship (Last one for the year)	29	30	31 September Money Counters Jill Rosenberry Dawn Madsen

August 2019

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
August 4 9:00 am	Crystal/Mark Raleigh Family	Brenda/Bob Winger Nate & Randy Winger	Lily Young Julianna Winger	Crystal Raleigh	Mark Raleigh	Tom Holdorf
Aug. 11 9:00 am	Nadalie/Dan Place Family	Carron/Fred Parmeter Lanette/Bruce Place	Delaney Johnson Morgan Kolodzienski	Larry Peterson	Ava Kolodzienski	Rhoda Foley Pauline Laughnan
Aug. 18 9:00 am	Sandy Ruikka Jackie Johnson	Jackie/John Schroeder Ann/Terry Young	Derek Johnson Brett Unser	Michael Chisholm	Taylor Peterson	Tom Holdorf Brian Johnson
Aug. 25 9:00 am	Tricia/Jeremy Rouleau Family	Sonia Yunker, Sandy O. Dawn/Brian Madsen	Charley Gilby Madison Peterson	Kay Berg	Jeremy Rouleau	Lanette Place Mary Halls

Assisting Minister: Aug. 4 - Tom, Aug. 11 - Rhoda, Aug 18 - Tom, Aug. 25 - Lanette.

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 Pastor Lucas at 273-4570 or Rhoda Foley at 273-4865.