

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

February 2019

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

In the past month, I have had to readjust my life in a way I never imagined would happen. The importance of changing a diaper, of making sure a burp cloth is always within arm's reach, the difficulty of figuring out ever-changing sleep patterns as Hazel adjusts to life outside the womb have been a profound shift. She has frustrated me like nothing else when I can't figure out why she's crying, she's completely broken my heart when she introduces me to a new wail—but she has completely and utterly captured my heart. There was no time needed for her to get me wrapped around her precious, tiny finger.

And that profound love that I feel for this baby, so new to the world, is helping me see the work of God in a new light. There is so much more texture to the words God gives us of love and hope in scripture, song, and prayer. Sure, I had always *learned* about how God loves us more deeply than we can imagine, but it's one thing to know that and a completely different thing to *know that*.

We often repeat the command “love your neighbor as you love yourself,” and I think that's an important way of shaping ourselves to God's calling in the world. However, I have to wonder why we never thought it would be deeper and fuller to say “love all people as you love your own child.” Because we would deny ourselves things. We would punish ourselves and beat ourselves up for mistakes. We might find it hard to forgive ourselves for things we've done. It may be pretty easy to feel very negative things about ourselves. But there is a well of love too deep to measure for children.

Imagine if we saw others' children as equally needing of love and acceptance as our own. Imagine if we fought as hard for the opportunity and equality and access for others' children as we did for our own. Imagine if we viewed the world and all the people in it the way God does: as precious children needing the mercy and grace God offers in abundance for all!

I know I will never be able to stop loving Hazel, no matter what. And I know you who have children can't help but long for the best for them, that they would know they are loved, and you would fight tooth and nail to make sure they know they are loved and looked after. Maybe in this February, where our secular calendar attaches itself to the love of Valentine's Day, we can look for ways that we can enact that same kind of love for the other children of the world—the ones in Yemen or Syria, the ones in Flint or Ferguson, the ones in Honduras and the ones in Texas.

Let's see what the world might look like if we loved all people as we love our own children.

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.

February 17th, May 12th, June 16th

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

Council Meeting Minutes

January 8th at 7pm

Present were: Jill, Deb, Bruce, Tom, Pastor, Randy, Stacy, Dawn, Mike, and Jim. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf. Pastor led us in prayer.

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

Treasurer's report: \$ 20,874.98 in the designated account. \$0.36 in the general account. We were able to pay back 47,616.44 to loan to ourselves. Still owe \$18,701.03. Report approved by Jim, second by Mike.

Pastor's report: see attached. Paternity leave and vacation , sick time combined will cover from March 4-24. March 6 is Ash Wednesday, communion will be served. Lenten services have been planned as a contemplative worship service during paternity leave.

Youth report: see attached

Committee reports: Nominating committee has been working hard to fill open positions.

Conflict Detection: stewardship committee will be invited to next month's council meeting to discuss plan moving forward. Need to have a solid plan in place to improve our giving to ensure we are not bankrupt in 5 years.

Old Business: 2019 budget approved motion made by Mike, second by Randy.

Meet and Greet date to be determined, need to be mindful of the flu season. Pastors Ladnier are registered at the-babylist.com.

New Business: New generic offering envelopes were donated by The Pittman's. These will be given out by the greeters or ushers as opposed to being in the pews to prevent misuse.

Fair stand and Lutfisk disbursements were completed. Disbursements were approved by Mike, second by Randy to bring to the annual meeting for congregation to approve.

Endowment disbursements were discussed. Currently the practice is to write the checks out to the student, there are significant delays in getting the funds to the students. Motion made to have disbursements from the Endowment fund and approved by the congregation disbursed to the general fund within 2 weeks of the annual meeting.

Treasurer to make the check out to the educational institute of the student's choosing, not the recipient.

Made by Randy, second by Jim. Motion passed.

Solar panel usage reviewed, report will be on the website for all to review.

HBC possibly looking to add a pole to our steeple, possibly reduce our internet cost. More to come.

Patricia to be gone the last week in January, will need help covering the office.

There is a possible opportunity to earn money for the church this summer. Mike to investigate further.

Motion to adjourn made by Stacy, second by Mike.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm

The next meeting will be February 5

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Hansen

In Need of Prayer



Anna Walentowski, Michele Klennert, Lee Langer, Vickie Wilkens, Betty Davidson, Donald Sherman, Ben Leonard, Alan Nelson, Monte & Donna Anderson, Diane Shefveld, Ron Mireau, Judy Rue, Zachery Caterer, 652nd Engineers Unit, Colleen Johnson, Trudy Owen, and Kristen Anderson.

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

THANK YOU



Operation Christmas Child: There were a total of 1218 shoe boxes that were collected at Zion Covenant Church. Our Savior's brought 118 of those boxes. The shoe boxes destinations are; Belize, Botswana, Jamaica, Chile, Guyana, South Africa, Swaziland, Suriname, Lesotho, Uruguay, Mongolia, Gabon and Niger. Thank you all from Peggy Hoyer.

Reminder:

Our Savior's Annual Meeting is Sunday February 10th immediately following worship.
Our Savior's Cemetery Annual Meeting will also be Sunday February 10th immediately following the Church Annual Meeting.

Morning Renewal

April 13, 2019

Redeemer Lutheran church in Burckhardt

Speaker Moira Kneer

Peanuts Gang "With age comes wisdom...of a sort!"

Summer Retreat

July 18, 2019

First Lutheran Church in New Richmond

Betty Bergland, about

Bethany Indian Mission

Our Savior's Youth Pool Party

Sunday February 24th

11-1pm

Klaas-Jonas Community Pool

Free Admission, Snacks provided.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

 **BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND:** : Please help us fill our grocery cart with cereal during the month of February. We welcome hot or cold cereal. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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 Kathy Young.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

		August 8/21 2:30pm Atrium
March 3/20 2:30pm Atrium	May 5/29 2:30pm Atrium	September 9/11 2:30pm Atrium
April 4/17 2:30pm Atrium	June 6/5 1:30pm Preferred 2:30pm Atrium	November 11/20 2:30pm Atrium



SHROVE TUESDAY RETURNS! On Tuesday, March 5th, join in on the fun for all ages from 4 to 7 pm! This is how we mark a “last hurrah” before Lent begins. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is variously called Carnaval, Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, and Shrove Tuesday. It’s a fun occasion to eat rich food, listen to big band jazz, and spend time with others before Lent. This tradition came out of Catholic Europe before the Reformation, because the Lenten fast was taken very seriously at the time. During Lent, you couldn’t eat any meat (except fish on Fridays), no dairy products, no eggs, no sugar, and no lard. So the tradition grew that people would get rid of all those things before Ash Wednesday in a big community party, giving us the names Mardi Gras (literally, “fat Tuesday”), Carnaval (from “carne,” meat), and Shrove Tuesday (to be “absolved from sin” before Lent). We’ll be celebrating our second Shrove Tuesday this year on March 5th from 4 to 7 pm. In the tradition of other churches that celebrate this day, we’ll be having a pancake supper, complete with eggs, bacon, sausage, and biscuits, as well as some great dessert bars and a King Cake. Because the party was such an overwhelming success last year, this year we will be asking for contributions for some of the food, so watch for the sign-up sheet! We’re also bringing back our mask-making station, games, and a photo booth complete with props, AND this year we’ll be inviting other churches as well! Bring a physical object to represent what you’re doing for Lent and put it on the “What’s Your Lenten Discipline?” table. And all the while, we’ll have lively jazz music so you can dance like no one’s watching! Lent is a long and somber season, so it was right for our ancestors in the faith to think we should have a celebration before it started. Mark your calendar for March 5th to join in on the Shrove Tuesday celebration and “get it out of your system” before Lent!

Printer/Copier for Sale: The copier that was in the office is for sale. It works great. We were offered a better rate going with a different company. Contact Tom is interested.

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Sharon Peterson Mary Straub	Money Counters Randy & Brenda Winger					
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3 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 10:15am SS Hour 10:30am Adult Forum	4	5 7pm Council Meeting	6 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation/Aftershock	7	8	9
10 9am Worship 10am Annual Meeting No SS Hour	11 4pm Women's Bible Study	12	13 4-5:30pm S.O. S. Kids Crew 6pm Choir practice 7-8pm Confirmation/Aftershock	14	15	16 8am MIM Meeting
17 9am Worship (Baptism) 10am Fellowship Hour 10:30am Adult Forum No SS Hour	18	19	20 6pm Choir Practice 7pm Confirmation/Aftershock	21	22	23
24 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 11-1pm Pool Party	25	26	27 8:30am Quilting 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Youth Night : Game Night	28		March Money Counters Mike Allyn

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	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
Feb. 3 9:00 am	Bridget/Adam Peterson Family	Sandy O., Sonia Y., Tricia/Jeremy Rouleau	Andi Peterson Charley Gilby	Kay Baker	Juliana Winger	Tom Holdorf
Feb. 10 9:00 am	CJ/Chad Young Family	Patricia/Casey Peterson Mel/Chuck Freier	Madison Peterson Lily Young	Belinda Foley	Anthony Madsen	Ann Young Kathy Young
Feb. 17 9:00 am	Mary/Steve Straub Family	Kay/Lemoine Baker Helen/Clint Anderson	Shelby Lawler Ava Kolodzienski	Heather Johnson	Shane Johnson	Lanette Place Steve Straub
Feb. 24 9:00 am	Katie/Mike Allyn Family	Annie/Michael Chisholm Becky/Barry Johnson	Sam Allyn Brett Unser	Crystal Raleigh	Ryan Matzek	Rhoda Foley Sharon Peterson

Assisting Minister: 2/3 - Tom; 2/10 - Ann; 2/17 - Lanette; 2/24 - Rhoda.

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 ministry positions are posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Rhoda Foley at 273-4865 or Pastor at 273-4570.