

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

July 2017

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

Pastor Lucas will be on vacation July 3rd—July 9th, He will be on the Mission Trip July 16th—22nd.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Each year, during the time after we celebrate Pentecost, we get to make a decision about the scripture we read on Sunday. In one direction, we can hear Old Testament readings that pair with the Gospel for the day even when they jump around from week to week. In the other, we can hear Old Testament readings that follow the storyline from week to week, and help build context. We will be following that second set of readings.

We do this because there is often a distinction made between “the Old Testament God” and “the God of Jesus.” God is imagined to be a violent and angry deity in the Old Testament, who is softened and kinder in the New Testament. But there isn't a distinction; God is God whether we're in Jonah or John, Ruth or Revelation. And the stories, poetry, prophecy, and even the Law of the Old Testament help shape who we are as God's people.

This summer we will hear of God blessing Abraham and Sarah, how God saved Hagar from starvation, how God lifted Joseph from slavery, and how God led the Israelites out of Egypt. We'll hear how God uses imperfect people and imperfect circumstances to make God's mercy known.

We'll explore how God's actions so long ago can be understood by Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and how even the Old Testament can show us what God's mercy can look like.

And while we're reading through these scripture passages from week to week, I encourage you to take your bulletin home. Grab a study bible and sit with your family or friends around the coffee table and talk about what these passages mean. How do they help you understand God? Who do you identify with in the story? What connections can you see in how God acted then with how God acts now? What in the reading helps you understand what Jesus said and did better?

The Old Testament lays the groundwork for Christ's mission. It helps reveal to us God's story, and how God has worked throughout time to make God's saving net wider and wider, opening our eyes to the mercy and goodness God calls us to show to others. God teaches us through the story of scripture, whether it's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. There's a reason we've kept it around this long.

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. **July 30<sup>th</sup> August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Call the Office if any of these dates would work out for your family. 715-273-4570

### In Need of Prayer



Wayne Peterson, Haley Steffen, Mildred Christopherson, Mary Jo Bjork, Norris Berg, Jackie Johnson, Alice Christenson Butler, Andy Foley, Danika Newberry, 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.

**Our Savior's  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Date 06/06/2017 7 pm**

Present were: Bruce, Tom, Brian, Pastor, Dawn, Deb, Stacy, Audrey, Brenda, Ed, Norris, and Mike. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf. Pastor led us in prayer.

Guest speaker Pastor Friberg from the synod came to speak about Bold Generosity. A endowment fund which the synod will use for technology grants for congregations, Walking Together Ministry, Leadership development, Financial grants for seminary graduates, Malawi, and Share 10%. Synod asking for each of the 200 congregations in our synod to donate \$1000 per year for three years.

Secretary's report: Motion made by Deb, second by Norris.

Treasurer's report: \$ 17,493.83 in the designated account. \$15.78 in the general account. Still owe ourselves \$6,040. Deb has not been paid for 2 months. Still behind in Pastor's insurance. Report approved by Ed, second by Mike .

Pastor's report: see attached

Youth report: see attached.

Because of the timing of the mission trip this year OSLC youth and education folks will not be able to coordinate with the community VBS this year. Kids are welcomed at any local VBS program. Also with the mission trip the Beldenville Old Car Show will not have pancakes for sale unless another group from OSLC are willing to take over this year.

Martin Luther Hymnody: *Our Father, God in Heaven Above* ELW 746-747

Luther's concern with teaching the faith through song wasn't just limited to learning Bible stories. It was also a way to learn the contents of the Small Catechism, including the Lord's Prayer. He composed *Our Father, God in Heaven Above* as a way for people to learn the Lord's Prayer, set to music, and giving it some explanation in each verse.

He wrote the text in 1539, editing and expanding it as he went to make sure it captured the essence of our most basic prayer. In the original version, Luther took the explanation he had in the Catechism (one section for each of the seven petitions) and put each petition into a verse, including two framing verses. That's why our traditional version is nine verses long—to get the whole scope of the prayer in the hymn!

The melody that goes with this hymn, *Vater Unser*, was likely picked up and adapted from a folk tune. Luther recognized that hymns would be easier to learn if congregations were already familiar with the melody, and folk tunes were often his inspiration. It quickly made its way into the Leipzig *Gesangbuch*, and has stayed part of our Lutheran hymnody ever since.

Committee reports: Worship- congregation may be interested in running the power point screens for service. The committee will discuss and send out feelers for who may be interested. Instruction will be provided.

Conflict Detection: 2 people to count money. Can be a past council member if no active member is available.

**Old Business:** AEDs- cabinet is here. Waiting for the unit and pads to arrive.

Trees- Tom may have someone to cut these down if volunteers for clean-up can be provided. Tom to contact property management.

Freezer is here will be installed soon.

Missionary- Pastor has contacted a second organization. Awaiting response.

**New Business:** National Youth Gathering to be held in 2018. Discussed this option. Pastor to look into this further. Registration for discount price starts in September.

Motion to adjourn made by Ed second by Norris.

Adjourned at 7:54 pm

The next meeting will be July 11

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Hansen

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

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**The family of Larry Hoyer** would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, thoughts and support through Larry's illness and at that time of his death. You are all God's children and are wonderful.

Peggy, Darryl Hoyer family, and Annie Goodwin family.



**Backpacks for the Weekend:** Since school is out for the summer, we will be collecting non-food items for the Pierce County Food Pantry during June and July. Please bring paper towels, toilet tissue, toothpaste, tooth brushes, kleenex tissues, etc. Bath and dish soap is also welcomed, as well as shampoo.

**HELP NEEDED for the Beldenville Old Car Club Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** The Beldenville Old Car Show will be held on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and our youth usually serves a pancake breakfast from our church stand as a fundraiser. This year it is not possible for our youth to participate due to the timing of our Mission Trip and it's the same day we will be sharing our experiences with the congregation and hosting coffee hour. As a result, we are hoping another group from our church that would be interested in heading up this fundraising event in July. Please

### 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**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](http://welcatg.org) for more information. A bus will be available from our synod for the first day and a return bus on Sunday.

**From the Board of Education:** Due to a scheduling conflict Our Savior's Church will not be able to help host the Ellsworth Community Vacation Bible School Program this summer but your child is still able to participate. Here is some information about the Ellsworth Community VBS Program and other VBS events hosted in our community. Check out their church websites for more information.

**Ellsworth Community Vacation Bible School – *Son Spark Labs*** will be held Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Zion Covenant Church.

**English Lutheran Church – *Carnival*** Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 19 - Friday, June 23.

**St. Francis Vacation Bible School – *Son World Adventure Park*** will be held Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14.

## REMINDERS

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

NO Outdoor Worship on July 5th and July 19th.

**Men In Mission minutes**  
**June 17, 2017**

Breakfast was served by Brian Johnson and Wayne Peterson. Pastor Lucas led a Bible study about the three men visiting Abraham and Sarah to tell them that they were going to have a child.

The business meeting was called to order by President Lemoine Baker.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer Chuck Christopherson reported that we have received \$1000 from the softball league and a memorial from the Lundgaard's. We have \$1731 in the general fund, after receiving \$2000 from church and \$429 from the pancake Breakfast. We have \$4507 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund. We have \$2880 in the fair stand fund. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Old Business:** The brush pile at the ball park has been removed. The foul lines have been sprayed. The bleachers have been installed behind the infield fences making for some very fine viewing. The field looks great thanks to the fine mowing by Paul Frandsen and Gene Ostendorf.

**New Business:** We discussed extending the roofed picnic area by about 30'. This would better accommodate church services and family reunions. A motion was made by Brian Johnson and seconded by Gene Ostendorf to have Donna proceed with this project and get back to us before starting it. No mention was made as to financing it.

The MIM will serve coffee on Sunday, May 25th.

The next meeting will be the Monday after the fair and we will meet at the fair grounds for cleanup at 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned. Seven members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Clair Severson

**2017 Ellsworth Area Softball Schedule-All games at 7:00 p.m.**

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| <b>July</b>   |  |
| <u>Sunday, July 2 thru Thursday, July 6 – Rain makeup dates</u> |  |
| Sunday, July 9  | St Mary's vs. Bethel                       |
| Monday, July 10   | Eidsvold vs. Living Waters                 |
| <b>Tuesday, July 11</b>   | <b>OS vs. St Francis</b>                   |
| Wednesday, July 12  | St John's vs. English                      |
| Thursday, July 13   | Ezekiel vs. Zion                           |
| Sunday, July 16   | Zion vs. Bethel                            |
| Monday, July 17   | Eidsvold vs. St John's                     |
| Tuesday, July 18  | St Francis vs. Ezekiel                     |
| <del>Wednesday, July 19</del>                                   | <del>English vs. OS</del> <b>Cancelled</b> |
| Thursday, July 20   | Living Waters vs. St Mary's                |

\*Tournament will take place August 5th and 6th.

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

**July—None**

**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

# July

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu                               | Fri                               | Sat  |
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| <b>Altar Guild</b><br>Lanette Place<br>Pauline Laughnan   | <b>Money Counters</b><br>Stacy Hansen<br>Brian Johnson |  |  |                                   |                                   |  |
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| 2<br>9am Worship<br>10am Fellowship<br>Adult forum  | 3  | 4<br><b>Happy Independence Day!</b>                | 5<br>No Outdoor Worship                      | 6                                 | 7                                 | 8  |
| 9<br>9am Worship<br>Pastor Dan Hoy<br>10am Fellowship   | 10   | 11<br>7pm Council Meeting<br>7pm OS vs St. Francis | 12<br>6pm Outdoor Worship                    | <b>WELCA Triennial Convention</b> |                                   | 15   |
| 16<br><b>Mission Trip kids Leave today</b><br>9am Worship<br>Pastor Dan Hoy<br>10am Fellowship      | 17   | 18   | 19<br>No Outdoor Worship                     | 20                                | 21                                | 22<br><b>Mission Trip Kids return Home</b>               |
| 23<br>9am Worship<br>Mission Trip Kids<br>10am Fellowship   | 24   | 25   | 26<br>8:30am Quilting<br>6pm Outdoor Worship | 27                                | 28<br><b>Motocross Fundraiser</b> | 29   |
| 30<br>9am Worship<br>10am Fellowship<br>Adult forum   | 31   |  |  |                                   |                                   | <b>August Money Counters</b><br>Ed Rohl<br>Brian Johnson |

## July 2017

|                           | <b>Greeters</b>                  | <b>Ushers</b>                                  | <b>Acolyte</b>                       | <b>Reader</b>                   | <b>Bell Ringer</b> | <b>Communion Server</b>         |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>July 2</b><br>9:00 am  | Erin/Chris<br>Kirchner Family    | Lanette/Bruce Place<br>Brian J. Pete Falde     | Nadia Thurmes<br>Trinity Wilkens     | Mary<br>Halls                   | Rachel<br>Mancuso  | Pauline<br>Laughnan             |
| <b>July 9</b><br>9:00 am  | Stacy/Kerry<br>Hansen Family     | Belinda Foley, Leah/Paul<br>Frandsen Family    | Raelynn Rasmussen<br>Tyler Schroeder | Kay<br>Berg                     | Hansen<br>Family   | Mary Straub<br>Steve Straub     |
| <b>July 16</b><br>9:00 am | Arianne/John<br>Halverson Family | Don/John Schroeder<br>Becky/Dan Olson          | Julianna Winger<br>Charley Gilby     | Clair<br>Severson               | Dan<br>Olson       | Sue Peterson<br>Becky Olson     |
| <b>July 23</b><br>9:00 am | Mission Trip<br>Participants     | Mission Trip<br>Participants                   | Dakota Pittman<br>Devin Denzer       | Lydia Anderson<br>Olivia Matzek | Alison<br>Laughnan | Lanette Place<br>Sheryl Mercord |
| <b>July 30</b><br>9:00 am | Becky/Scott<br>Mathiesen         | Helen/Clint Anderson<br>Jeanette/Warren Schade | Halle Langer<br>Haedyn Langer        | Shelly<br>Lubich                | Warren<br>Schade   | Shelly Lubich<br>JoAnn Place    |

**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.**