

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

We are called to recognize the image of God in all people, regardless of anything else we may know or think we know about them. This is one of the hardest truths of our faith, that everyone from the most well-deserving innocent child to the most hardened and irredeemable murderer, is beloved by God and made in God's image. This, more than anything, is what sets us apart from the world: we are called to see God's abiding presence in *all* people.

It's also why we ought to be deeply disturbed by the rising cruelty of dehumanization happening in our country today. Just shy of 70% of Americans identify as Christian, and yet there seems to be a rising tide of hatred for the other. We fail to honor the image of God in the other when we determine death is an acceptable punishment for young black men for not following orders. We fail to honor the image of God in the other when we pretend those calling for exile or extermination of non-White people is a two-sided issue. We fail to honor the image of God in the other when families being separated at the border becomes a blame game instead of a clarion call to address this gross injustice.

Jesus came to save everyone, and in our baptisms we are called to model our lives on his. The Impossibility of perfectly imitating our savior is a sad excuse not to try, to take steps, to start training our hands and feet into the ways of the kingdom of God. How can we who have died to sin hear our savior say "Let the little children come to me," and turn a blind eye to children being taken from their families? How can we who have been redeemed from the grave watch our savior forgive his executors and yet continue to dehumanize criminals? How can we who have been called to be the vanguard of the kingdom of God witness our savior die once for all and yet fail to denounce ideologies of genocide?

The image of God is a hard thing for us to carry into the world because it does not fit in the world. We are trained by our fallen humanity to draw lines on who is in and who is out: lines that divide us by belief, citizenship, race, class, age, and all sorts of other things. A savior who calls us to erase those lines, to rebuke evil but never to deny the inherent God-given dignity of the other, to see people as deserving of dignity not for what they've done or not done but because they possess the image of God, is a challenge that neither the political left nor the political right is willing to accept. We must put it forth as a challenge to our culture, to our country, to the discourse that is happening right now.

God is challenging us now with this. God is calling us to step up to the plate, to lift up the inherent worth and dignity in all people, to bear the stigma and the blows of those who deny this most basic truth, to live as people in the kingdom of God whose citizenship is in heaven and not on earth. God is giving us this opportunity to be the people we have been created to be, to love our neighbors whether our more base loyalties agree with it or not, and to grow justice and peace by our selfless love for others in this world.

And in our work to be the people of the kingdom, may the Spirit move all people to become more just, more loving, more whole, and more devoted to honoring the image of God in all people.

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 15th, August 19th, September 16th

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

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
AGENDA**

May 1st 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Tom Holdorf called the meeting to order

Attendance: Pastor Lucas, Tom, Debbie, Norris, Randy, Bruce, Tricia, Brenda, Jill

Opening Devotions

Led by Pastor Lucas

Member meeting: None

Secretary's Report: Stacy Hansen

Approve minutes-Bruce 1st, Randy 2nd MC

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Pittman

\$14,008.01 in Designated Account, \$-71.81 in General Account. Had to borrow money for the furnace (about \$1,650.00)

Not as many people signed up for Simply Giving

A question was asked if we need to keep track of giving if members can't deduct them for taxes. At this point, we will keep track.

Approve minutes-Norris 1st, Brenda 2nd, MC

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ladnier

Outdoor services will be Wednesdays May 30-August 29

The pastor is looking into putting his sermons on the website.

There may be an ecumenical midweek worship a few times this summer.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee-God's Work Our Hands was well attended. Close to 100 members helped. 86 members were fed at the meal afterward.

A new refrigerator was purchased.

Conflict Detection:

We had some difficulty with someone getting into our emails. The proper precautions were taken.

Old Business:

Banking info-Debbie will look into the new CCF coming to Ellsworth and Westconsin Credit Union.

Designated Sunday Council member sheet-Bruce will type out a new list of responsibilities for the council to look over to approve.

New Business:

Painting the walls-a member would like to decoratively paint the walls in a few areas of the church. A motion was made to allow it after the designs are approved by the council. Debbie 1st, Norris 2nd, MC

Adjourn-Debbie 1st, Bruce 2nd. Next meeting is June 5.

Closing Prayer

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Date 6/5/18 7 pm

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

Secretary's report: Minutes of May to be distributed, available for review tonight. Motion made by Bruce, second by Mike.

Treasurer's report: \$13,301.01 in the designated account. \$-36.72 in the general account. All bills are paid. Had to borrow another \$3350 to cover insurance for this quarter. Will be due again in August. We have borrowed more this year than we have in past years and are not in the summer slump yet. In August we will need to pre-buy fuel again. Motion made to move OSLC accounts to CCF the new bank in town by Mike, second by Norris. They have a nonprofit checking account option, no minimum balance. May also look into investing some of the money market money to increase our return on this money. To save money on checks and postage, Debbie to start online bill pay. Will need to save transaction numbers and receipts for tracking. Report approved by Mike, second by Norris.

Pastor's report: see attached. Wednesday services resumed!

Committee reports: none

Conflict Detection: South water faucet leaking. Property management will need to decide how to fix. May shut off for now as there is water on the north side.

Cemetery mowing- under contract with Rock Works. Concerns with this need to be discussed with Cemetery committee.

Main water supply handle is loose, needs to be fixed. Property management to address.

Old Business: On duty Council member checklist to be accepted with the change of communion servers available added. This will be in conjunction with money counting. Motion to approve by Mike, second by Randy.

New Business: Pastor and Patricia will be gone June 24-30. Council members will check phone messages and bring up mail. Phone message will be changed to reflect this interim change.

Elevator inspection is due, Debbie has been in contact with company.

“Pieces” of advice example brought forward as a potential ministry for seniors. Pastor to reach out to the Evangelism committee.

VBS towards end of July. Fund raiser is for a malaria tent.

Motion to adjourn made by Mike, second by Debbie.

Adjourned at 7:50 pm

The next meeting will be July 10

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Hansen



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Dear Friends of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

I am humbled and grateful for this opportunity to serve as your bishop. For the last 4.5 years I've served as the Director of Evangelical Mission/Assistant to Bishop Rick Hoyme and before that for 28 years, I was a parish pastor in Windom, Slayton, St. Cloud and Pelican Rapids, MN. I am excited and hopeful about the future! The Holy Spirit is moving and working among us in new and exciting ways challenging us to go deeper in our faith and moving us outside our comfort zone. Paying attention to where the Spirit is calling us and learning to GO and DO in Jesus' name is an important part of my work as Bishop. I encourage the people of our synod to not only GO to Church but to BE the church in the world.

A little bit about me: My husband Randy and I both graduated from Luther Seminary in 1986. He is the pastor of Christ Lutheran in Menomonie. We have three adult children. Andrew (30) is married to Kristina. They live in Appleton and are expecting our first grandchild July 18. Matthew (27) is engaged to Emily Ewen. They are getting married August 18. Anna (24) graduated from St. Kates and works in Occupational Therapy. I love to garden and help things grow. I enjoy cooking and entertaining family and friends. When I have time, I like to bike, canoe or kayak.

I look forward to getting to know you and your congregations. You are all invited to attend the official installation of the bishop worship service on August 25, 2018 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Highlands, Hudson, WI. I hope to see you there.



Bishop-elect Laurie Skow-Anderson

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND: For the month of July we will be collecting paper products, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, and toothpaste in the grocery cart for the Ellsworth Food Shelf. They don't do the backpack program during the summer months when the kids are out of school.

Thank you all for your generous donations.

Evangelism Committee - Heather Johnson, Pauline Laughnan, and Sharon Peterson



Larry and Sharon Peterson have graciously volunteered to be the 2018 Lutfisk Supper Chairs again. Many thanks to them!!!

The Evangelism Committee is looking ahead for the next GWOH day in September. We will be having a brainstorming meeting at Roger and Pauline's home on July 17th at 7:00. Please be thinking of outreach ministries where we can be doing God's work with our hands and consider being one of the project leaders. Never stop thinking of ways to do God's work with your hands, there are so many opportunities.



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***** VBS 4 Crew leaders Needed!** High school age and older can be a crew leader. Crew leaders are assigned to a group of 5 kids to help them through 4 different stations, a snack, and help teachers keep kids interested and focused on the lesson of the day. Crew leaders are grouped with other crew leaders, so there could be 5 crews in each group. Crew leaders participate in all the activities and encourage kids to talk about and apply what their learning. Crew leaders put God's love into action! Contact Patricia if interested.



Outdoor Worship: Wednesday nights at 6pm until Labor Day. No outdoor Worship on July 4th.

To: Our Savior's College Kits Ministry

Thank you for sending me so much stuff over the school year. I am really thankful for all the support. It is a very nice surprise. Sincerely, Donald Rosenberry III

To: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Thank you very much for the donation to Basics for Local Kids! We are grateful for the continued support allowing us to help keep local kids warm.

Take care, Kim Johnson, Coordinator Basics for Local Kids

2018 Ellsworth Area Softball Schedule-All games at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 8	St Mary's vs. Bethel	Sunday, July 15	Zion vs. Bethel
Monday, July 9	Crossroads vs. Living Waters	Monday, July 16	Crossroads vs. St John's
Tuesday, July 10	OS vs. St Francis	Tuesday, July 17	St Francis vs. Ezekiel
Wednesday, July 11	St John's vs. ?	Wednesday, July 18	? vs. OS
Thursday, July 12	Ezekiel vs. Zion	Thursday, July 19	Living Waters vs. St Mary's

Sunday, July 22 – Thursday, July 26 – Rain makeup dates.

TOURNAMENT IS JULY 28 & 29

You are invited to celebrate the installation of
Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

Bishop's Installation
Saturday, August 25, 2018
2:00 p.m.

Bethel Highlands Lutheran Church
504 Frontage Rd.
Hudson, WI 54016

2018 Atrium Post Acute Care & Preferred Living combined Schedule for Our Savior's

July 18th 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care
August 22nd 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care
October 3rd 1:30pm Preferred Living, 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care
December 12th 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

In Need of Prayer



Darlene Ostendorf, Percy Gunderson, Karen Freier, Gary Gilbertson, Bev Radkey, 652nd Engineers Unit, Colleen Johnson, Trudy Owen, Laurine Baker, Kenny Hansen, Judie Goodwin, and Kristen Anderson. If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

Women of the ELCA
St. Croix Valley Conference
2018 Summer Retreat

“Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!” Psalm 150:6

Leanne Waterworth, is a published author and speaker. Her book, "Just Breathe, Choosing Joy, One Breath at a Time", is the inspiring story of her family's journey through disease and tragedy. Through their faith in God and support of a strong, loving community, you'll be moved to hear how they overcome and continue to be thankful, choosing joy, even in the midst of the most difficult circumstances. She also is an advocate for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Leanne likes to fish, travel, and garden. Her passion is to help others see God in the real stuff of life. She also blogs about her faith and surviving motherhood at leannewaterworth.com Join with women from around our conference for a refreshing morning of inspiration, learning, fellowship, and fun.



Thursday, July 19, 2018
Bethany Lutheran Church
415 Bridge Avenue, Star Prairie
Registration from 8:15—8:45am
Cost \$5 at the door

Mark July 19th on your calendar, invite women of all ages, and offer them a ride to our morning of inspiration. **An offering will be received** (1/2 to Women of the ELCA, 1/4 to Lutheran World Relief for shipping of quilts and kits, and 1/4 to a mission at Bethany Lutheran Church.) **Lori Wells, our newly elected SWO President** will share information about herself and her dreams for the women's organization. We're working to secure nominations for the election of conference officers—coordinator, treasurer, and two board members.

Please consider responding with "YES" if we call you—(or call 715-273-5847 if you'd like to serve on the board!)

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Lanette Place Pauline Laughnan	Money Counters Tom Holdorf					
1 9am Worship Mission Trip Stories 10am Fellowship Hour	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day! NO Outdoor Worship	5	6	7
8 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 10:30am Assisting Minister Workshop	9	10 7pm Council Meeting 7pm OS vs St. Francis	11 6pm Outdoor Worship	12	13	14
15 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 10:30am Adult Forum	16	17	18 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care Service 6pm Outdoor Worship 7pm OS vs ?	19 8:15am St. Croix Valley Conference	20 VBS 5-8pm	21 VBS 9-11:30am
22 Pancake Breakfast (Fair Stand) 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour	23	24	25 8:30am Quilting 6pm Outdoor Worship	26	27 Motorcross Fundraiser	28 Softball Tournament
29 10am Worship (Ball Park) 11am Fellowship Hour (Potluck) Softball Tournament	30	31				August Money Counters Dawn Madsen

July 2018

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
July 1 9:00 am	Mission Trip participants will be serving in all volunteer positions.					
July 8 9:00 am	Lanette/Bruce Place	Ann/Terry Young Bridget/Adam Ptrsn.	Rhett & Raelynn R	Tricia Rouleau	Bruce Place	Lanette Place Belinda Foley
July 15 9:00 am	Sharon/Joe Seibel	Becky/Dan Olson Audrey/Clair Severson	Meredith H Shelby L.	Clair Severson	Dan Olson	Brian Johnson Tom Holdorf
July 22 9:00 am	Sharon/Larry Peterson	Crystal/Mark Raleigh Erin/Chris Kirchner	Colton H. Leo Parm.	Crystal Raleigh	Mark, Dusty Wes Raleigh	Sharon Peterson Ann Young
Worship at Ball Park						
July 29 10:00 am	Pam Hines/ Brad Taplin	Heather/Shane Jnsn. Rhoda/Rick Foley		Brad Taplin		Pauline Laughnan Rhoda Foley

Assisting Minister: July 1 - none needed, July 8 - Belinda, July 15 - Tom, July 22 - Ann, July 29 - Rhoda