

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

March 2018

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

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

One of the wonderful things that God does for us is to bring us together. It may seem like a simple thing, but when we gather we're recognizing that God made us to be in community. We're called to rely on one another, to support one another, to share with one another, and to love one another. It's made all the more holy that God doesn't just call us together, but God even shows up in our midst!

A big reason why God brings us together is because none of us alone can do all the things we are called to do in the kingdom. None of us alone can completely grasp all the creative and amazing ways that God is at work in the world. So when we come together, we share what we've seen, how we see God at work, and how we, together, can make God's kingdom known.

Every March, we gather as the congregations of northwest Wisconsin for an event called Walking Together. Just like none of us can get the whole picture, or imagine all the ways God is at work, or see all the ways God is calling us to be God's hands and feet in the world, the same is true of congregations. We at Our Savior's can't come up with every idea. We don't have the full picture. So we are given a chance to gather as congregations to share the ways we see God at work in our communities.

I always enjoy Walking Together. It inspires me in the ministry we do together, and gets the creativity of the Spirit moving in me. This cross-pollination of ideas strengthens our ministry to the people in our area by helping to spark new ideas, seeing how other congregations are approaching the same kingdom calling as us, and strengthens the bonds of our various congregations in the Northwest Synod.

On March 17 in Eau Claire, we'll be meeting again for Walking Together. It's a wonderful opportunity to see how God is moving in our congregations, how we as God's people are responding to that call, and discovering together the ways God is making the kingdom in our midst. I would love to see as many of y'all that can make it join me this year to grow in our fellowship and our mission together for the sake of the gospel in our area.

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.

March 31st, April 22nd, May 13th, June 17th

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

In Need of Prayer



David Edin, Terry Young, Colleen Johnson, Larry Young, Ron Wilkins, Trudy Owen, Laurine Baker, Sam Kittleson, Kenny Hansen, Bobbi Nelson, Bill Hines, Scott Bjork, Judie Goodwin, Wayne Peterson, and Kristen Anderson.

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

Thank You for all the prayers during my recovery from my surgery that I had on January 26th.
Marion Erlandson.

**Our Savior's
Council Minutes
Date 2/6/18 7pm**

Present were: Tom, Brian, Bruce, Ed, Mike, Stacy, Audrey, Jim, Norris, and Dawn. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf.

Secretary's report: Reviewed. Motion made by Jim, second by Ed. Passed as written.

Treasurer's report: \$28,177.59 in the designated account. \$36.31 in the general account. We had to borrow another \$900 from designated account to pay January bills. Report approved by Bruce, second by Jim.

Pastor's report: see attached. **Youth report:** see attached

Committee reports: none **Conflict Detection:** none

Old Business: none

New Business: Reviewed Endowment disbursements. Motion made to approve as is by Ed, Jim second.

Annual Meeting this Sunday. Have requested to discuss use of Lutefisk and fair stand proceeds to cover church bills. No vote will occur during the meeting. Will plan a later date to ensure all members know vote options.

Committee terms run from Feb to Feb. Leaving council is Audrey, Brian, and Ed. Randy Winger is coming on as VP, Jim agreed to a second term, Jill Rosenberry, and Tricia Gilby will be joining the council.

Motion to adjourn made by Ed, second by Brian.

Adjourned at 7:45pm, The next meeting will be March 6, 2018, Respectfully submitted by Stacy Hansen

**Our Savior's
Annual Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf at 10 am. Pastor Lucas led us in prayer.

The **Secretary's report** was read. Motion to accept as submitted by Pete Falde, second by Bruce Place. Motion approved.

Pastor's report: attached.

The Treasurer's report: please see attached. Presented by Audrey Severson on behalf of Debbie Pittman. Beginning balance as of 1/1/17; in the general account was \$55.63. \$32,560.26 in the designated account. \$90,987.12 in the money market account. Ending balances as of 12/31/17; in the general account was \$61.10. \$28,895.07 in the designated account. \$85,093.01 in the money market account. Total giving in 2017 was \$144,699.17. Motion to approve by Barry Johnson second by Norris Berg. Motion approved.

Audit Committee: Randy Winger presented. All books found to be accurate.

Proposed budget for: 2018 was presented. Motion to approve made by Jim Chisholm, second by Rhoda Foley. Motion passed.

Endowment Committee report and dispersal of funds: Audrey Severson presented. Motion to approve report made by Mike Allyn, second by Steve Straub. Motion passed.

Lutefisk and Fair Stand dispersal: A total of \$15,842.48 is to be distributed. Recommendation of council for dispersal of these funds was reviewed. Motion by Mary Halls to approve dispersal was made and seconded by Barry Johnson. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Ann Young presented nominees. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot and approve nominating committee report made by Jim Chisholm, second by Becky Johnson. Motion passed. Still need a Lutefisk chairperson.

Old business: Pete Falde expressed his thanks to the council and the property management and all involved with the clearing of the trees in front of the church. The site line now is impressive. He has also heard positive comments on the perennial garden.

New Business: The question of why we do not use or can we use Fair stand and Lutefisk supper proceeds to our general account has been posed. There is nothing in the constitution that states we cannot. We will need a congregational vote that has been announced in advanced notice. This will need to be done before our marketing for the fair stand begins. Council will discuss at March meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Stacy, seconded by Jim C, motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 1055 am.
Respectfully submitted by: Stacy Hansen

Men In Mission meeting - February 10, 2018

Following breakfast served by Lemoine and Donna, the business meeting was called to order by Pres. Lemoine Baker.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer Chuck Christopherson reported that we have \$1180 in the general fund, \$4747 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund, and \$2886 in the fair stand fund.

Old Business: Brian Johnson has attained the necessary permits for the ball park driveway updating. Carol Gilbertson has a culvert for our use if needed. Donna will look into getting fill for the extended driveway.

New Business: April 22nd is the proposed date for the annual MIM pancake breakfast. As usual, it will be a Thrivent Action Team event. Application made by Clair. Menu will be the same as before: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit cocktail with bananas, juice, milk and coffee. Donna can get the eggs through suppliers. As usual, any left over money will go to camper's canteen accounts for those who have registered for camp as of that date. REMEMBER: Early bird discount for camp ends on April 1st.

MIM will serve coffee on February 18th and March 18th.

Next MIM meeting is April 21st with Donna and Gene serving.

The meeting was adjourned. Seven members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary, Clair Severson

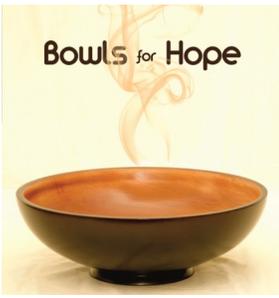


REMINDER TO ALL LUTHER POINT CAMPERS:

The Men In Mission will pay half of the registration cost for all campers and their friends. Register online at lutherpoint.org. Pay only the required down payment. Luther Point will bill you for the remaining amount after your discounts and the MIM half has been deducted.

REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 1ST TO GET THE EARLY BIRD \$15 DISCOUNT.

NOTE: Friends of campers (who are not members of Our Savior's) must indicate on the registration form that they are attending with a camper from OS to receive the half-price registration from the MIM. Questions? Call Clair Severson



Tickets are now available for the **2018 Bowls for Hope** event on Tuesday, March 6, from 5-7 p.m. in the Riverview Ballroom, UC.

This year's proceeds benefit Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley, which is a nonprofit organization that offers free parent education and family support to families in Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix counties. For an entrance fee of \$25/adult and \$5/children age 12 and under, attendees may select and keep a bowl created in ceramic, pottery, fibers, wood and glass studio classes at UW-River Falls, River Falls High School, Meyer Middle School, the Renaissance Academy, or by area artists. Attendees may also sample, at no extra charge, soups donated and served by area restaurants. Guests have the opportunity to vote for their favorite soup. Tickets

are available at: The River Falls Chamber of Commerce, Chancellor's Office, University Center Information desk and at the door. Purchasing tickets in advance will guarantee a bowl. The evening includes a silent auction of featured art. For questions or further information, visit uwrf.edu/bowlsforhope.

Women of the ELCA St. Croix Valley Conference 2018 Morning of Renewal

Saturday, April 7, 2018
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
505 13th Street, Hudson WI 54016
Registration and coffee: 8:15-8:45
Cost: \$5.00 at the door

COME... LEARN how we can bring healing and hope to victims of Domestic Violence.

WE are CALLED ... to recognize the image of God in every person. Jesus Christ calls the whole church to love and show compassion to all individuals. We strive "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God." Micah 6:8

Walking Together 2018

- New Ideas
- Learning Workshops
- Inspiration
- Worship
- Best Practices
- Ministry Tools

Saturday, March 17

Davies Center – UWEC

"Jesus is the King."

Elvis Presley



Registration available on the NWSWI Website



St. Patrick's Day Dinner – March 18th :

Sacred Heart of Spring Valley will host its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on **Sunday,**

March 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Brother Michael Center.

Please come and join us for a good meal of Ham from A-Butchery, real mashed potatoes with Ham gravy, home-made bake beans, sweet corn and PIE. Try an Irish coffee at our Coffee Bar! Spread the word! We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends.

Strength. Balance. Flexibility.
Relaxation.

Fundamental Yoga

at Country Fit
Nutrition & Wellness

273 Morse Street, Ellsworth, Wisconsin 54011

\$50 | 6-week session

Tuesdays | 7-8pm | 02.06.18 - 03.13.18

Try the class for FREE on Monday, February 5th @ 7PM

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND:



Please help us fill our grocery cart with Mac & Cheese, or boxed potato and pasta sides for the month of March. We appreciate your monthly donations to this program.

Merci beaucoup! Thank You to all of the Saints who ventured into this new experience of Shrove Tuesday at Our Savior's. We hope y'all enjoyed this event as much as we did. Pictures on the church web site (thank you to Dawn Minder for sharing her photography skills!). Many thanks also to all of our good kitchen/furnace room help and those who brought the delicious food, music and decorations. More food and fun are in the notes for next year. **Congratulations** to Queen Pearl Johnson, the Royal Cake winner. Everything from the beads, to the games, to the food, and especially the fellowship, made it a great success.

The Evangelism Committee would like to let everyone know that the proceeds from our first annual Shrove Tuesday celebration have been pledged to Our Savior's sewer project. Thank you again to everyone who attended, and to those who helped out in any way. It is because of your participation that this was a rousing success that we plan to make an annual event!



EASTER LILIES: We hope to adorn the church with Easter Lilies on March 31st and April 1st for the celebration of our risen Lord. WELCA will again be selling a pot of lilies for \$10. You can give them in memory or honor of someone. A box with order forms will be in church during March. Please make checks out to WELCA and have the forms returned by Sunday, March 25. Thank you for your support.

Coats for Kids Drive: During the month of April, we will once again be collecting kids winter gear: coats, snowpants, boots, hats, mittens/gloves, scarves. You may bring in your gently used items, or it's also the perfect time to purchase new winter wear on clearance. We will have a collection box located in the narthex throughout the month of April. Articles must be clean, no rips or tears, with working zippers. These items, donated to "Basics for Local Kids", will be stored until fall when they will be given to needy families right here in Pierce County.

These families really do appreciate your WARM donations.

Silent Messengers



Celebrating A Savior, March 25th, 2018 Doors Open at 5pm for Soup Supper at Faith Community Church in New Richmond

5pm Supper and 6pm Show Free Will Offering for Dinner and Show

RSVP's appreciated but not required Call 715-497-4438 or [www. saserenityhome.org](http://www.saserenityhome.org) or www.sagraceplace.org. (Proceeds will go to Grace Place and Serenti Home Shelters)

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

May 23rd 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

June 6th 1:30pm Preferred Living, 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

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

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Audrey Severson Bev Radkey	Money Counters Tom Holdorf Bruce Place			1	2	3
4 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15am SS Hour 10:30 Adult Forum	5	6 7pm Council Meeting	7 5:30pm Supper 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Service	8	9	10
11 9am Worship 10:15am SS Hour 10:30 Adult Forum	12 5pm Women's Bible Study	13	14 5:30pm Supper 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Service	15	16	17 Walking Together UW of Eau Claire
18 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour 10:30 Adult Forum	19	20	21 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 5:30pm Supper 6pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Service	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday 9am Worship (SS Sing) 10am Sunday Brunch No SS Hour	26	27	28 8:30am Quilting No Confirmation No Aftershock	29 Maundy Thursday 6pm Worship	30 Good Friday 12pm Ecumenical Service @ St. Paul's UCC 6pm Service @ St. Johns in Spring Valley	31 10am Easter Egg Hunt 7pm Easter vigil Fireworks following

March 2018

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
March 4 9:00 am	Kolodzienski Family	Lori/Don Schroeder Lanette/Bruce Place	Ruby Straub Morgan Kldz.	Crystal Raleigh	Bruce Place	Belinda Foley
March 11 9:00 am	Anne Unser/ Mike Chisholm	Amy/Ken Matzek Jackie/John Schroeder	Ryan Matzek Brett Unser	Michael Chisholm	Olivia Matzek	Brenda Winger Ann Young
March 18 9:00 am	Connie/Todd Girdeen Family	Becky/Dan Olson Mary/Steve Straub	McKenna Girdeen Rylan Girdeen	Larry Peterson	Todd Girdeen	Mary Straub Rhoda Foley
March 25 Palm Sun. 9:00 am	Dawn/Brian Madsen	Sheryl/Bob Mercord Ann/Terry Young	Anthony M. Colton Hlvrsn.	Bob Mercord	Nadia Thurmes	Dawn Madsen Tom Holdorf
March 31 Easter Vigil 7:00 pm	Katie/Mike Allyn Family	Sharon/Larry Peterson Kay/Lemoine Baker	Sam Allyn Juliana Winger	Belinda Foley Rhoda Foley Lemoine Baker	Ryan Matzek	Belinda Foley Mike Allyn

Assisting Minister: 3/4 - Belinda; 3/11 - Ann; 3/18 - Rhoda; 3/25 - Tom; 3/31 - Belinda

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.