

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

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

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On the 7th, we come together not just to worship God in our song and voices, but also in our actions. We did this fun way of worshipping in the fall when we came together to participate in what's called "God's work, our hands." It's an opportunity to turn our faith into action in a big, public way. Many of y'all mentioned to me last fall how much joy you saw and felt in serving your neighbors. It's because, deep down, it's what we're created to do.

It's certainly something that we can serve our neighbors every single day—we can all lend a helping hand to someone as they're moving furniture into their house. Or we can all bake a hot dish to relieve a family that's lost a loved one. Or we can all offer to watch the kids of our exhausted neighbor. These are all small acts of kindness that can move us all toward being the people God wants us to be.

But we can also do a lot more than that.

When we come together to do God's work with our hands, we do it *en masse*. The old saying goes, "many hands make for light labor." The more people that get together to make a difference, the easier it becomes to accomplish. And it's not just cleaning up our neighbor's yard that many hands can make easier. It's also working for justice, when we as the Church speak as one voice to call attention to deeper difficulties in our society. We may think we can do one without the other, but that's not what God calls us to do.

So together we can work to repaint our neighbor's house, and also work together to fight for safe working conditions in their job. We can work together to provide a soup kitchen, and also work to provide decent healthcare for the poor. We can visit with our homebound neighbors, and also fight for laws that protect them from being taken advantage of. Justice is what love looks like in public, after all.

God's work is to make the kingdom known, and that extends to every part of our lives. When we go out and use our hands for God's work, let's make that kingdom known every day of the week, and every week of the year, and let's do it together. Because God calls us together as the Church to make our work easier with our many hands.

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.

May 14th June 18th July 30th August 20th

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



In Need of Prayer

Haley Steffen, David Bjork, Mildred Christopherson, Dakota Pittman, Mary Jo Bjork, Pat Anderson, Chuck Hill, Norris Berg, Jackie Johnson, David Bjork, Alice Christenson Butler, Andy Foley, Danika Newberry, Letty Larson, Colleen Johnson, Ken Arneson, Larry Hoyer, Chad J Peterson, Alexander Kempe, Ervin Golson, and Kristen Anderson.

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

Council Meeting Minutes

Date 4/4/17 7pm

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

Audit Committee- Randy and Lanette reported. Books found accurate. Recommendations submitted. From last year, Council decided not to complete separate bank reconciliation from a non-signing member. Timely deposits were encouraged.

Secretary's report: Motion to approve by Jim, Second by Ed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: \$30,785.66 in the designated account. \$41.43 in the general account. Debbi was not paid last month. Other bills have been paid. Remain with outstanding balance to ourselves. Report approved by Brian, second by Ed.

Pastor's report: see attached

Youth report: see attached

Committee reports:

Fundraising- Willing to pay \$1,000 towards an AED if the church would cover the rest of the cost. We were approved for a grant to purchase the AED at a substantially reduced cost. Stacy to order AED and supplies (pads youth and adult, cabinet, and 5 year battery). Jim made motion to accept, Stacy second.
Freezer-was purchased by the fundraising committee. Will cover \$2,000 of the \$2,200 cost of the three door stainless steel freezer. This can be in use for multiple groups. Fundraising committee is asking the church to pay the other \$200 and rewire costs. Jim made motion to accept, Bruce second.

Conflict Detection: nothing has been decided about the pine trees out front

Old Business: No missionary update, Pastor has called three times without a return call.

New Business: April 30th is confirmation. Three being confirmed. All have completed their requirements, some going on mission trip this summer. Brian made motion to accept confirmands, Ed second.

Motion to adjourn made by Ed, second by Stacy.

Adjourned at 7:55pm

The next meeting will be May 2, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Hansen

Men In Mission meeting - April 22, 2017

Breakfast served by Lemoine and Clair, Brian Johnson led us in a Bible study.

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 \$2,568 in the general fund, \$2,929 in the fair stand fund, and \$4,243 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund. We are awaiting \$1,000 from the Softball League. The report was approved.

Old Business: Clair reported that \$133.00 of the Thrivent start up money has been spent on pancake expenses. The remainder will be divided up into camper canteen accounts. We are set to go for tomorrow's pancake breakfast.

A motion was made by Bruce Place and seconded by Brian Johnson to have Matt place the remaining outfield light line underground. Donna will contact him. The estimated cost is \$1,600 which we should be able to cover from our general fund.

It was decided to place the bleachers somewhere behind the infield fences. The insurance company has informed us that they have no problems with coverage regarding the bleachers. Black plastic and mulch will be placed under them to inhibit the weeds and cushion any possible falls. Signs will be posted cautioning parents to control their children when on the bleachers.

Clair reported that he has rolled the field twice.

Chuck will call Johnson Sanitation to install a port a potty.

First game is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th.

New Business: Donna reported that the softball league would like to increase their yearly fee per team to \$250.00 to help cover expenses. We are still looking for help in the concession stand and scoring. We have 10 teams signed up and will play double headers Sunday evenings through Thursday evenings. The port a potty will be lit and there will be lights leading to it.

Greg Peterson has volunteered to till and spray the volleyball court and play area.

We have agreed that the use of the ball field for a member from another church team for May 27th. Rental price will be \$50.

There was some discussion as to our food selections when we serve coffee hour. We will try to go the "fresh baked" route as much as possible in the future. More work for us but you deserve the best! On that note, we decided not to serve a coffee hour in May.

Wayne and Brian volunteered to serve breakfast at our next meeting, Saturday, June 17th, 8:00am.

The meeting was adjourned. Nine members present

Minutes respectful submitted by Secretary Clair Severson

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

May

Sunday, May 7 Bethel vs Eidsvold
 Monday, May 8 Ezekiel vs. English
Tuesday, May 9 OS vs. Living Waters
 Wednesday, May 10 St Mary's vs. Zion
 Thursday, May 11 St Francis vs. St John's

Sunday, May 14 English vs. Bethel
 Monday, May 15 Eidsvold vs. Ezekiel
Tuesday, May 16 OS vs. St Mary's
 Wednesday, May 17 Living Waters vs. St Francis
 Thursday, May 18 Zion vs. St John's

Sunday, May 21 Living Waters vs. Bethel
Monday, May 22 OS vs. Eidsvold
 Tuesday, May 23 English vs. St Mary's
 Wednesday, May 24 Zion vs. St Francis
 Thursday, May 25 St John's vs. Ezekiel

June

Sunday, June 4 Ezekiel vs. Bethel
 Monday, June 5 Eidsvold vs. English
 Tuesday, June 6 St John's vs. Living Waters
 Wednesday, June 7 St Mary's vs. St Francis
Thursday, June 8 OS vs. Zion

Sunday, June 11 St Mary's vs. Eidsvold
 Monday, June 12 Bethel vs. St John's
 Tuesday, June 13 St Francis vs. English
Wednesday, June 14 Ezekiel vs. OS
 Thursday, June 15 Zion vs. Living Waters

Sunday, June 18 Ezekiel vs. St Mary's
 Monday, June 19 St Francis vs. Bethel
 Tuesday, June 20 English vs. Living Waters
Wednesday June 21 St John's vs. OS
 Thursday, June 22 Zion vs. Eidsvold

Sunday June 25 Bethel vs. OS
 Monday, June 26 St Mary's vs. St John's
 Tuesday, June 27 St Francis vs. Eidsvold
 Wednesday, June 28 Ezekiel vs. Living Waters
 Thursday, June 29 English vs. Zion

July

Sunday, July 2 thru Thursday, July 6 – Rain makeup dates

Sunday, July 9 St Mary's vs. Bethel
 Monday, July 10 Eidsvold vs. Living Waters
Tuesday, July 11 OS vs. St Francis
 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
Wednesday, July 19 English vs. OS
 Thursday, July 20 Living Waters vs. St Mary's

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

April—None

May—5/3 1:30pm Preferred Living
2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

June—6/21
2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



Backpacks for the Weekend: Bring on the PB&J! May is the last month to collect for this school year. Let's fill that cart with the old standby: Peanut Butter and Jelly. Thank you.



Spring God's Work - Our Hands: *And I said, "Here I am. Send me!"* Isaiah 6:8

On **May 7th, 2017** we will be conducting our spring GWOH Sunday. Please make your commitment today joining us to do **GOD'S WORK with YOUR HANDS**. Sign-up sheets for our eleven different projects are located in the narthex. Similar to last fall, we plan to meet here at Our Savior's at 9:00 AM for a condensed worship service. We will then disburse to complete a variety of projects, followed by lunch and fellowship. Please contact any Evangelism Committee member with questions or concerns: Sharon Peterson, Pauline Laughnan, Lanette Place

Martin Luther Hymnody: Dear Christians, One, and All, Rejoice (ELW 594)

Luther considered hymns to be at least as important as the sermon to help congregation members learn about what God has done, is doing, and will do in the world. He thought it was especially important for our hymns to tell the story in musical form, and that's why some of his hymns can be pretty long, as this eight-verse hymn is. But Luther wasn't wrong to turn to music to teach; it's been recognize for centuries that we memorize things in song far easier than we do in plain words.

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice was among the first hymns Luther published in the early Reformation-era hymnal, *Die Achtliederbuch*. It was designated as the Hymn of the Day, sung following the sermon, and often for multiple Sundays in a row. By repeating it like this, Luther's congregation (and others who used the hymn) would memorize the lessons it taught and grow in their faith as a result.

The melody used is *Nun freut euch*, which was adapted from the 15th century folk tune *Sie gleicht wohl einem Rosenstock*. The phrases, each introduced with a pick-up eighth note with one extra syllable in the final phrase, are common to German melodies (and in fact many of Luther's hymns have that feature) but make it sound a little off-kilter and skipped to our ears.

Its eight verses follow the logical progression from my (humanity's) sin, God's sending the Son, Christ's dying for my (our) sake, his ascension, and the sending of the Spirit. There is a strong message of justification by grace throughout the hymn, making it clear that it's nothing we do that earns salvation, but that it is God's free choice to send a savior, rescue us from our sins, and give us the gifts of the kingdom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 for more information. A bus will be available from our synod for the first day and a return bus on Sunday.

REMINDERS

Luther Point summer Camping! Register on-line at lutherpoint.org. Make only the down payment. After the Men In Mission is billed for half of your registration cost, Luther Point will contact you for the remainder of the cost.

Note: Friends of Our Savior's campers must indicate in the comments section at the bottom of the registration form that they are going to camp with a member from Our Savior's, Beldenville. Only then will Luther Point know to bill the Our Savior's Men In Mission for half of their registration cost.

If you have questions, please contact Clair Severson

Summer Wednesday Worship: will start on May 31st at 6pm, and will continue until Labor Day.

Clair's vegetables are no more! I thought it would be only appropriate to inform you all that I will not be peddling vegetables at church this summer. This gives you ample time to select your vegetable seeds and drill them into the ground so you can enjoy your own fresh vegetables. Thank you Clair

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Rhoda Foley Belinda Foley	Money Counters Stacy Hansen Audrey Severson					
	1	2 7pm Council Meeting	3 8:30am Quilting 1:30pm Preferred Living 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care 6pm Choir Practice	4	5	6 Break in the Lake 9am-1pm Luther Point
7 GWOH 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	8	9 7pm OS Vs Living Water	10 6pm Choir Practice	11	12	13
14 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	15	16 7pm OS Vs St. Mary's	17 4-5:30 SOS Kids Crew (Potluck Picnic) 6pm Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 9am Worship Honoring Graduates 10am Fellowship Adult forum	22 7pm OS Vs Eidsvold	23	24 6:30pm Baccalaureate @ High School	25	26	27
28 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	29 10:15am Memorial Day Service @ High School	30	31 8:30am Quilting 6pm Out door Worship			June Money Counters Ed Rohl Mike Allyn

May 2017

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
May 7 9:00 am	SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN	Sam Allyn Ian Peterson	Sunday School	Sunday School	Belinda Foley
May 14 9:00 am	Jess/Josh Erlandson	Carol/Gary Gilbertson Carron/Fred Parmeter	Meredith Hansen Shelby Lawler	Audrey Severson	Payton Lawler	Tom Holdorf Chuck Christopherson
May 21 9:00 am	Nate Winger Family	Brenda/Bob Winger Randy & Nate Winger	Juliana Winger McKenna Minder	Sue Peterson	Rachel Mancuso	Bruce Place Lanette Place
May 28 9:00 am	Carla/Bob Radkey-Earney	Becky/Barry Johnson Rhoda/Rick Foley	Autumn Radkey-Earney Payton Lawler	Rhoda Foley	Shelby Lawler	Carron Parmeter Fred Parmeter

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.