

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

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

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

It has been a long, difficult, and angry election season. Name-calling, insults, and incivility have been part of the daily routine of it. And it's not just the candidates who have been doing it; I have seen far too much of their supporters slinging mud at each other. Easy and off-handed remarks about how dumb the other side must be to support their candidate. Angry and personal verbal assaults on others for their political views. It makes me want to put "election season is over" on the list of things I'll be thankful for at Thanksgiving dinner.

How do we as Christians deal with all this anger? The votes might be cast shortly after you read this, but we both know that the feelings will be with us for a while longer. What is God calling us to do when so many ugly parts of our country have been exposed in this election season?

Just about the hardest commandment that Jesus gave us is also the simplest commandment to remember: "love one another, just as I have loved you." It's easy to love the ones who love us, who are kind to us, or who agree with us. But it's much, much harder to love the ones who boil our blood, who insult us personally without knowing us, or who hate us. Yet that is exactly what we are called to do. Love one another, even (and especially) when it's hard.

So how are we supposed to do that? How can we love people who have been dehumanizing us for our political views? It comes back to remembering who God is and what God has made us. We are all made in God's image, and we are all called to love one another. In baptism we have received the Holy Spirit who enables us to do what would be impossible for us otherwise.

Our identity—who we are and whose we are—is not found in our political party, but in Jesus Christ. When we remember that, we know that we are called to love one another, to forgive one another, and to work toward the kingdom into which we've been called. So whatever happens in this year's election, remember that Jesus is Lord, that your identity is in Christ, and that we are called to always love one another.

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.

**November 20**

**December 18**

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



#### **In Need of Prayer**

Janet Barringer, Marcus Hamer, Letty Larson, Colleen Johnson, Ken Arneson, Larry Hoyer, Chad J Peterson, Alexander Kempe, Gary Lundgaard, 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 10/4/16 7 pm

**Present were:** Audrey, Linda, Kerry, Brian, Tom, Pastor, Deb, Stacy, Norris.

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf. Pastor lead us in opening devotions based on the book Ask, Thank, Tell. Discussed stewardship and caretaking of our wealth and possessions. God owns everything.

**Secretary's report:** Motion to approve by Brian, Second by Audrey. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** \$19,642.55 in the designated account. \$-41.08 in the general account. Luther Point was paid their \$1250 for the year. We paid \$2500 for the mission trip, (next installment will be in March), and paid back everything we borrowed from the designated account. All bills are up to date. Report approved by Norris, second by Linda.

**Pastor's report:** see attached. Will be setting up adult Sunday school, hopefully will be ready by November. Discussed home visits. We would like to see more congregational assistance for visits to increase the frequency and provide for backup during Pastor's busy times or times of illness. Will look into this further.

**Youth report:** see attached

### Committee reports:

Property Management- front entry posts are in poor paint repair. Will have building maintenance review this. Lutefisk supper is nearing. Linda Steele is in charge of advertising.

**Old Business:** Confirmation requirements: Students can chose to participate in 2 Luther Point camps in lieu of participating in the mission trip.

Website- Erin Gipford is working on our website. Plan to see a mock up by December 1. February 1st is the anticipated roll out date.

**New Business:** Green Hymnals 2 dozen were given to English Lutheran Church. We still have a small number left.

Printer options for Patricia were reviewed. Can redo contract with EO Johnson for less money. No final contract for council to review. Will review and vote when available. Norris to assist with alternatives.

Council members will rotate through for running of the power point in services.

Synod made changes to their constitution which will need to be reviewed and adoption into our constitution will be voted on by OSLC members at the annual meeting. These changes will be provided to members closer to annual meeting time for review.

Coffee hour- need volunteers to sign up. Not every Sunday is covered. Any member is able to put on coffee and designate the proceeds to their favorite church cause.

Motion to adjourn made by Deb, second by Stacy.

Adjourned at 8:25 PM

The next meeting will be November 1.

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Hansen

## Men In Mission meeting - Oct. 15, 2016

After a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and fruit served by Clair and Donna, the business meeting was called to order by Pres. Lemoine Baker.

**The secretary's report** was read and approved. Thank you notes were read.

Treasurer's report. We have \$12,007 in the fair stand fund. We had a profit of \$9153 this year. We agreed to hold back \$3000 for start up expenses next year. \$9007 will be forwarded to the church for outreach ministries. We have \$4571 in the Luther Point Bible Camp Fund and \$1898 in the general fund. We have not yet received payment from the softball league for 2016. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Old Business:** Gene O. has aerated the ball park. Next spring, Brian J. and Clair will roll it.

There has been no response from anyone wanting the trees at the ball park. We will check around to see if we can find someone with a saw mill who would like them as lumber.

Peter F. has drained the water heater and winterized the drains at the fair stand.

**New Business:** Donna reported that we have found an additional team for softball. If we get one more, we will have 10 teams, playing Sunday through Thursday. This means we need to find a way to enlist more people to volunteer to man the concession stand. Teams/spectators are now assured that there will be new food/treats at the stand when they play their games. Concessions made \$1,600.00 this last summer.

Donna has bought large garbage liners to fit the garbage containers at the ball park.

We discussed insulating the concession stand to keep it cooler and hopefully cut the electric bill on the coolers and freezers there. Possibly go with a spray insulation. Brian has boards we could use to cover it. There was discussion on what to do to insulate the drop-down covering over the serving area. Jim Foley will repair the outside outlet and give us a bid on the job. We are looking for a way to supply water near the porta potty for thirsty dogs.

Donna was given the go-ahead to look for counters with enclosed cabinets underneath to protect foods from rodents.

Peter suggested that we check our playground equipment next spring for safety.

Matt Feuerhelm has not yet repaired the electrical wire between the outfield light poles. We decided he should not do this until the trees are removed.

Motion was made by Brian J. and seconded by Clair that we ask the church council for \$2,000.00 from the outreach ministries this year for Luther Point camping registrations. This is down from \$3,500.00 last year. We feel that the amount we have in the account, along with the \$2,000.00, will be sufficient next year for our needs.

Motion made by Brian J. and seconded by Pete F. to set the date for our Oyster Stew/soup dinner on Wed., December 28th, serving starting at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Day and New Year's Day are both on Sunday's this year. There are no football games on Wednesday night.

We will serve coffee on Sunday, November 13th.

Next MIM meeting will be Saturday, December 17th at 8:00 a.m. with Dick B., Gene O. and Bruce P. deciding amongst themselves who will serve.

The meeting was adjourned. 7 members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Clair Severson

### **Martin Luther Hymnody: Out of the Depths I Cry to You (ELW 600)**

A major part of medieval church services was the singing of a Psalm, much like we do every Sunday. The main difference was that it was most often sung in Latin by a choir. Luther, appreciating the depth of meaning the Psalmists often gave, felt it was the best place for a Christian to find inspiration for congregational music.

Out of the Depths was among the first hymns Luther wrote based on a Psalm. It comes from Psalm 130 and was published in the first-ever Lutheran hymnal, the *Achtliederbuch*, in 1524. Luther first wrote it and sent it around Germany in 1523 to inspire other German musicians to take up translations of the Psalms and put them to music for the congregations to sing.

The hymn would keep a prominent place in German hymnody. It was used to help children learn about confession in the Small Catechism. It was also widely used at funerals, including Luther's own funeral in 1546. It would be adapted by such composers as Bach and Handel in their own choral arrangements, and found its way into our current hymnal as well.

**Thank you to everyone** for all the cards and prayers I received. I will have the back surgery on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The end is in sight, with God's help. It has been a long wait. Audrey Halverson.

### **Lutefisk Supper Thank You**

For everything there is a season, a time to serve our Annual Lutefisk Supper, and a time to close the books on another amazing year. The 68th Annual Lutefisk Supper fed 704 guests and 135 workers, for a grand total of 839. With grateful hearts we want to thank each of you for your part in carrying on this truly wonderful tradition. Kudos all our leaders who worked so hard to organize their crew and manage their departments. Once again the village people of Our Savior's thrive. To God be the Glory!

With appreciation, Bruce and Lanette Place - Larry and Sharon Peterson



Our Savior's will again be supporting this program. Asking for your help to purchase Christmas Gifts for some financially disadvantaged families. A Christmas tree, decorated with gift idea ornaments, will be up in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 20th and November 27<sup>th</sup>. We thank you in advance for selecting and purchasing some items, helping to brighten these families' Christmas season.

**First Lutheran Church** in Red Wing will be having their Lutefisk and Meatball Supper on Thursday November 10th from 3-7pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Operation Christmas Child:** We had our kick-off Sunday on October 30th. The ages of the boys and girls that receive the boxes are from 2years—14 years. Items we need to fill a shoe box are; fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. The cost to Send the box is \$7.00. You can give a monetary gift also will help. If you have any questions contact Larry and Peggy Hoyer at 715-273-4398. **Collection Sunday is November 13th , 2016**

**Thank Offering Service:** Women of the Church will hold their annual Thank offering Service on Nov. 20. Special envelopes will be given out to the women for this purpose. Women of the ELCA are active in the causes for protecting our children against trafficking partnering with Cherish Our Children, giving out scholarships to women, racial justice education, supporting food stability and warmth with quilts around the world, providing Bible study materials, and other programing for women of the church. Please help us support these ELCA projects through Women of the ELCA Thank offerings.

**You Are Invited!** Gather together for a night of worship. The St. Croix Valley Conference Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hope Lutheran in River Falls. The topic will be about the (OREO) Generation. The generation of people taking care of their kids, but also needing to care for their parents. Contact Pastor Lucas if interested.

**Run for the Roses with St. Francis Wine & Wishes!!** Tickets are on sale NOW! The excitement continues to build as we prepare to Run for the Roses brought to you by the Wine & Wishes committee of St Francis School. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov 5, 2016 and join us at our adult community event that includes wine & beer tasting, hors d'oeuvres, beverages, entertainment and live and silent auction items. Help us make this our biggest and best one ever and we can't wait to share our enthusiasm with you. Visit our website for more details:

[www.stfrancisellsworth.org/wine-and-wishes](http://www.stfrancisellsworth.org/wine-and-wishes)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

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**New Acolyte Robes:** The Altar Guild is looking into buying new acolyte robes. A memorial fund has been started for this purpose. If you would like to contribute memorial moneys or make a contribution to this purchase, place it in the offering plates in an envelope marked acolyte robes or mail it to the church. The color will be about the same but it will be a zipper front with hood. Cost will be about \$70 each and we need 4-5 of different sizes in length.

**Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars:** During this special time of year, we pause to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. Family, friends, faith.....One way eligible Thrivent Financial members can show their thanks is by directing Choice Dollars to Our Savior's. If you're a Thrivent member who has been designated Choice Dollars, take this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds by directing them to Our Savior's.

**Scripture Calendars** are available to purchase on the youth table downstairs for \$7.00. Thank you for supporting our 2017 Youth Mission Trip!

**Coffee Hour Fundraiser:** The council will host the coffee hour on Nov. 20 as a fundraiser for Kristen Schade Anderson. Funds raised will be matched by our emergency fund money up to \$500. If unable to attend, donations can be sent to the church or put in the offering plate in an envelope marked Kristen Anderson Fund.

### **BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND:**



We haven't discontinued this program, but we have moved the grocery cart from the narthex to the sanctuary, right beside the elevator. November is Beef Stew month! The single servings and larger sized cans are both welcome. Let's help these kiddos to have a warm meal on the weekend. Thank you

# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Rhoda Foley Belinda Foley	Money Counters Carla Radkey/ Earney Jim Chisholm					
		1 5pm Worship Meeting 7pm Council Meeting	2 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation & Aftershock	3	4	5
6 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	7	8	9 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation & Aftershock	10	11	12
13 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour Collection Sunday for Operation Christmas Child	14 5pm Women's Bible Study	15	16 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation & Aftershock	17	18	19
20 9am Worship Thank Offering Service Baptism Sunday 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	21	22	23 No Confirmation & Aftershock	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25	26
27 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	28	29	30 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation & Aftershock			December Money Counters Tom Holdorf Norris Berg

## November 2016

						Communion
	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Server
Nov. 6 9:00 am	Dawn/Joe Minder Family	Ann/Terry Young Audrey/Clair Severson	McKenna Minder Trinity Wilkins	Lanette Place	Brooke Minder	Belinda Foley
Nov. 13 9:00 am	Tom Holdorf Family	Cheryl/Bob Mercord Karen/Reed Oeltjen	Ryan Matzek Shane Johnson	Sue Peterson	Olivia Matzek	Chuck Christopherson Kendra Holdorf
Nov. 20 9:00 am	Jackie Johnson Sandy Ruikka	Carol Gilbertson Megan Stockwell, Kathy Young	Mary Halls Raelynn Rasmussen	Meredith Hansen Severson	Audrey Laughnan	Alison Rhoda Foley
Nov. 27 9:00 am	Julie/Betty Winger	Sharon/Larry Peterson Brenda/Bob Winger	Ruby Straub Juliana Winger	Michael Chisholm	Megan Hansen	Tom Holdorf Stacy Hansen

*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.*