

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

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November 2019

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

This year, when my family sits down for Thanksgiving dinner, one thing I will say I'm thankful for is for the gift of music. I'm thankful for the gift of the rock band Queen, who (oddly enough) were incredibly soothing for Hazel when she would be inconsolable in the first few months. I'm thankful for my wife's little ditties about everyday household objects and ordinary activities that she would sing about to Hazel or to herself. I'm thankful for music that fills the church every Sunday, and for music that enlivened the waiting during the Lutefisk supper.

I'm thankful for music because I continue to be certain that it is God's gift to us to give color to sounds. One of our confirmation students asked me in their worship notes why we sing so much in church, and I believe this is the reason: we speak in grayscale, but we sing in vibrant technicolor. Even when the tones are off and the notes just can't be reached, I truly believe song is always more vibrant than simple speaking.

Truly, few things give me more joy than when our kids sing on Sundays, loudly and proudly missing the notes, putting their full joy into the noise that praises God. And it brings me just as much joy—maybe more—when adults do the same. Because God didn't give us the amazing gift of song for us to be afraid of "getting it wrong." As I've told plenty of y'all over the years, I hold to the philosophy from my old choir director's poster:

"If God has gifted you with an amazing singing voice, lift your voice to God in praise for what He has done. And if God has *not* gifted you with an amazing singing voice, lift up your voice to God to *remind* God of what He's done!"

And we need that reminder, because the world tells us that if we are not radio-worthy singers, we should not be singing. It tells us that we should quiet ourselves and let the professionals sing. It says music is for listening to better people perform it. And that, my dear siblings, is a straight-up lie from the mouth of the devil himself. God delights in your voice. God delights in your singing, no matter what level of ability you have. God loves to hear your joy and your sorrow, your praise and your lament, your hope and your worry in every note you sing.

Siblings in Christ, I am thankful for the boisterous gift of music. I am thankful for the music that fills the church, with all its missed notes, wrong words, disjointed chords, and off-kilter dynamics, all sung with gusto and conviction. I am thankful for music at home that sings about baths and bananas, for toucans with pianos on their noses, for banjo songs and baby squeals of delight. I am thankful for a world filled with the color of music that is as bright and varied and wonderful as a drive down country roads in the fall. And I am thankful for a God who blessed us all with the gift of music.

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 17th, December 15th**

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

# Council Meeting Minutes

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October 1, 2019 7 pm

Present were Deb, Randy, Norris, Tom, Dawn, Mary, Ann, Pastor Lucas, Bruce, and Mary. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf.

Pastor led us in devotions from Acts 16:6-15.

Guest: none

**New Business:** There will be a constitution change presented at annual meeting to the congregation which comes from “Churchwide Assembly” meeting in early August. Pastor has details. The nursery has been found to be messy when the janitors are cleaning. Please help make sure your child puts the toys away. There was a free will donation of \$200 given by a food vendor for use during tractor pull. Mike made a motion the money to be given to MIM because they are responsible for taking care of the fair stand building. Randy 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Old Business:** Directory pictures to be Oct 28 thru Oct 30 from 2pm to 9pm daily. Greeters will be council members. Pastor will set up schedule via email. Deb Emery from “Cru” is looking for donations, but council decided not at this time. Tractor pull beer tents went well. \$1200 to be given to general fund of church \$750 now and \$450 in January. OSLC will do beer tent again next year. Customers asked if we sold can coolies and ear plugs. Dates are Sept 11 & 12 2020. Mike donated \$335 bartender license. He is willing to do bartender licensing next year, fortunately less paperwork and fees involved. The church’s well needs to be repaired and estimate is \$10,000.

**Secretary’s report:** Reviewed. Motion made to approve by Deb, second by Norris. Passed as written.

**Treasurer’s report** was tabled due to Tuesday, Oct 1 council meeting and timing to get the bank’s monthly statements and reports ready to be reviewed. Deb will email reports to council later this month. \$ 9,549.46 in the designated account. \$-3.38 in the general account.

**Pastor’s report:** see attached.

**Youth report:** see attached

**Committee reports:** Property. 2 stoves on north side need to be looked at before Lutefisk supper. Worship. Committed to have 1 non-hymnal song for each worship service not necessarily during communion. Sue Peterson will present sermon on October 20. Endowment. There are several uncertainties to be cleared up. Does endowment have own checkbook, who is signor on checkbook, Deb should be signor, scholarships need to be more timely then being issued in late December when Deb is trying to get church yearly reports compiled, who are current committee members, and current would like more guidance from past committee members. Ann will follow-up.

Conflict Detection: none

Motion to adjourn made by Mike. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb.

Adjourned at 8:24 pm.

The next meeting will be November 5 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Madsen.

**Pierce County Fair Food Stand – 2019**  
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**Financial Statement**

**Expenses:**

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Written to:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
2637	Terry Young	Board for serving counter	109.57
2633	Jim Chisholm	Supplies – Sam's Club	550.85
2634	Clyde's Corner	Pickles & crackers	220.00
2639	Michael Chisholm	Laminating Supplies	22.17
	Jim Chisholm	Home Depot – Freezer	188.85
2638	Jim Chisholm	Misc. Supplies	494.28
2641	Earthgrain Bread	Buns	734.75
2642	Saller's	Processing Peterson beef	787.00
2643	Our Savior's Church	Claire chg. soup expenses	78.95
2645	Coca Cola	Soda Pop	2168.00
2644	Jim Chisholm	\$50 Gift Card to Bongaard's	50.00
2646	Donna Constant	Pie supplies	244.50
2647	Dick's Fresh Market	Supplies, etc.	1988.18
2636	Bank	Start-up Money	1250.00
2650	Indianhead Food Ser.	Pie Supplies	782.68
2571	Pierce County Fair	Permit	1195.00
2574	Terry Young	Plumbing Expenses	16.42
2573	Pierce Co.	Health Dept. permit	78.00
2636	Pierce Co. Fair	Workers tickets	282.00
2572		Motocross Permit	100.00
2565	Village of Ellsworth	Water bill	53.33
2568	Village of Ellsworth	Water bill	50.00
		(another water assessment will be billed for 2019)	
Cash	Paula Chisholm	Stamps–Bills/Thank You's	22.00

**2019 Total Expenses: \$ 11,464.52**

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<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>\$ 22,242.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ <u>11,464.52</u></b>
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,777.48</b>

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Report submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Paula Chisholm, September 28, 2019

**Pierce County Fair Food Stand - 2019**  
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**Financial Statement**

**Income:**

**Bank Deposits from Food Stand Sales**

<u>Deposited on</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
8-8-2019	5 pm	\$ 2000.00		
8-8-2019	8 pm	1900.00		
8-9-2019	2 pm	2600.00		
8-9-2019	8 pm	3200.00		
8-10-2019	10 am	2517.00		
8-10-2019	2:30 pm	2010.00		
8-10-2019	9 pm	2200.00		
8-11-2019	9 am	1351.00		
8-11-2019	3 pm	1800.00		
8-11-2019	4:30 pm	810.00	=	\$ 20,388.00
Last Dep.		499.50		
Left over \$\$		39.50	=	\$ 20,927.00 <b>Total Sales Deposits</b>

**Donations**

Larry & Sharon Peterson -- a beef for butchering (467# hmbg... not processed)

Ed Rohl -- 100 lb. of hamburger

Money -- Given to Jim & Paula:

    Mary Hall, Don & Jill Rosenberry

    Claire -- soup

Money -- Given to Chuck...Men in Mission:

    Claire & Audrey Severson, Don & Jill Rosenberry, a trucker (by Donna Constant),

    Donna Constant (for pie supplies), Norma Taplin, JoAnn Lantz, Peter Falde, and

    Bill & Vickie Bowen

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Total Sales	\$ 20,927.00
Donation of Money	<u>1,315.00</u>
Total Gross Income	\$ 22,242.00

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**Men In Mission meeting  
October 19, 2019**

Breakfast was served by Bruce P. and Clair

After devotions led by Pastor Lucas, the business meeting was called to order by Pres. Lemoine Baker.

The secretary's report from the June meeting was read and approved.

Treasurer Chuck C. reported that we have \$2597 in the general fund. We have \$13,026 in the fair stand fund of which \$10,026 will be forwarded to the church for outreach ministries. As usual, we will keep back \$3000 for start-up money for next year's fair. We have \$4023 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund after sending \$2358 to Luther Point to pay half the registration fees for 19 campers. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Old Business:**

We are moving forward on our ball park project. The goal is to put a well in so we have running water and a septic system (probably a holding tank) and a bathroom. We feel the ball park is an excellent opportunity for outreach ministries. We wish you could all see the impact the park has on the lives of those using it. However, the usage is limited because of the lack of water and antiquated restroom facilities. The cost of the project would be approximately \$30,000. If we promote this as a community resource, we can reach out to area businesses and corporations who are willing to support local community improvements. **WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANY FINANCIAL HELP FROM THE CHURCH OR ITS MEMBERS WHOSE PRIORITY SHOULD BE ELIMINATING THE CHURCH DEBT.** Finalized plans will be presented to the MIM and the church council for approval. A forum will be scheduled to give church members a chance to view the plans and express their opinions.

Peter Falde has been working on a tree-planting project at the ball park.

**New Business:**

The Annual oyster stew/ soup dinner will be Sunday, December 29th. Church service will be one hour later that Sunday. Once again, Tom H. will make chili, Donna will make Chicken/wild rice soup and Clair will make vegetable beef soup. And, of course, we will have oyster stew! You will be able to purchase soup to go. There will be to-go containers available. Clair will handle the Thrivent-Action-Team application. We will be raising "seed" money to be used by Luther Point for expenses related to a Mission Trip experience for Luther Point campers.

We will serve coffee on November 17th.

Our next MIM meeting will be Saturday, December 21st at 8:00 a.m.

Brian J. and 'a volunteer to help him' will serve.

The meeting was adjourned... 8 members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Clair Severson

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

**New Member Sunday:** One of the great joys of any congregation is welcoming new people who see what we are doing and want to join in! Twice a year, we take time on Sunday morning to welcome those people who have chosen to become members of this congregation. If you or someone you know has been contemplating joining, please get in touch with the church office, and mark your calendars for December 1 when we will officially welcome our new members!



**Operation Christmas Child: Collection Sunday will be Nov. 17th.** It will be \$9 to ship a shoebox this year. Items that you can't send are the following; candy, toothpaste, gum, war-related items, used items, seeds, food, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, or aerosol cans. Any questions contact Peggy Hoyer, [715-273-4398](tel:715-273-4398) or [ljhoyer@hotmail.com](mailto:ljhoyer@hotmail.com). Thank-you Peggy



**BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND:** Brrrr It's getting cold outside. During November we will be collecting **beef stew** and **hot chocolate packets**. Once again, we thank you for your generous support of this very important community program. Did you know that a \$5 donation will buy approximately \$25 of food for the backpack program. There is a cash donation can in the grocery cart.

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



Again this year we will be participating in the Ellsworth Community School District Gift Box Program. We will need your help in purchasing the gifts for some financially disadvantaged families to make their Christmas season a little brighter. On November 24th the Christmas tree will be up and covered with ornaments which have gift requests written on them. We encourage you to take ornaments off the tree, and then record the information from the ornament onto the log sheet. Keep the ornament with you, purchase the gift/gifts, return it to church by December 8th wrapped or unwrapped with the ornament attached to the outside of the gift. **(This is very IMPORTANT, as we need to make sure the gift gets to the right person.)** Do this for each ornament that you chose. On Wednesday, December 11th the confirmation students will wrap gifts that need wrapping and on December 12th the gifts will be delivered.

**II Corinthians 9:7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

Again we thank you for your generosity at this very busy time of the year. This program is also funded by Thrivent Financial. If you have any questions contact Pauline Laughnan at 715-273-4942 or Sharon Peterson at 715-273-4255, or Heather Johnson at 715-821-3039.

**Candy Walk Fundraiser:** We are excited to try something new! - I am teaming up with the Cousin's to raise money for the College kits and past due bills for the Church. We are going to do a Candy Walk on Dec. 14th from 9am to 2pm. We are doing this in conjunction with St Paul's Church's annual cookie walk. They are advertising for us and we will reciprocate so please check them out if you don't already. We are asking each family to bring homemade candy and would love to see up to 20 dozen of one item and bring to the Church for set up on the 12th or 13th. We will set up tables and people can fill their own boxes or we will have some boxes made up. We are also asking for crafts - if you are crafty and not a baker - if you could bring something for the craft area - that works too. We are hoping that people will come and make trays for their own families or gifts and have a great day. What we don't sell on Saturday will be put out for our Church on Sunday and make trays for shut in's. The cost for the walk will be \$10.00 per pound and any specialty items will be priced individually. Please help us with our fundraiser - we are excited and hope the community will be as well. If you have any questions - Donna Constant 715-307-0451

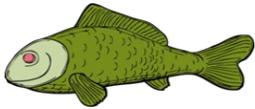


**MOOLA FOR MILK CAMPAIGN: Thank You:** Our Savior's for your donation of \$214.28 towards the Moola for Milk Campaign. We can purchase milk for less than \$2/gallon, so your donation will fill many glasses. Pierce County Food Pantry.



**Coats for Kids:** As you recall in April/May we did a winter gear collection here for Basics for Local Kids. They will be distributing winter wear here in the Ellsworth area on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Ellsworth High School.

If you are in need of winter wear, or know of someone who could benefit from this program, or if you would like to volunteer that day, please contact them at: Basics for Local Kids, PO Box 61, Ellsworth, WI 54011 or phone: 715-821-1623 or, [blkids@usfamily.net](mailto:blkids@usfamily.net) Thank you for your continued support.



**Lutefisk Supper Thank You:** The 71st Lutefisk Supper is over for 2019. We fed 632 guests and 118 workers for a total of 750 people. That is only a few less than last year.

It truly takes a whole village of Our Savior's members and friends to do all the tasks that need to be done. We thank you all and especially the team leaders in each department. You all went above and beyond to get things done. We constantly heard that everyone enjoyed their dining experience. Tusen Takk. Audrey and Clair Severson, chairman.

**WELCA Country Store:** 40+ packages of lefse, 40+ pints of grot, 20+ containers of baked goodies, and numerous other craft and vintage items made for a great success at our Lutefisk Supper store. We will profit over \$1400, most of which goes to support various mission projects. Many many thanks to all who contributed. We appreciate you.

***SOUP FOR SHUT-INS is not just for Our Savior's members:***

Frozen containers of soup are in the upright freezer in the kitchen waiting for delivery. Feel free to stop and pick up a container to deliver to friends or neighbors who would enjoy a delicious meal of vegetable beef soup. There are labels for the containers on top of the freezer and a sign-out sheet on the freezer door.

**Our Savior's 2019 Worship Service:  
Atrium Post Acute Care & Preferred Living**

**November  
11/20 2:30pm Atrium**



### **In Need of Prayer**

Gary Johnson, Terry Evenson, Gerald Place, Dennis Anderson, Laura Kemmerer, Anna Walentowski, Michele Klennert, Betty Davidson, Alan Nelson, Zachery Caterer, Colleen Johnson, Trudy Owen, and Kristen Anderson.

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

# Luther Point Bible Camp

## Scrapbooking & Crafting Retreats

November 7– 10, 2019, November 14 - 17, 2019

March 26 - 29, 2020, April 2 - 5, 2020

2 nights, 3 meals (2 brunches and supper) \$120

3 nights, 4 meals (2 brunches and suppers) \$140

\$20 discount if attending two weeks back to back  
(you can leave your crafting supplies here if coming  
2 weekends in a row)

Hosted by Luther Point Bible Camp

Creative Memory Consultant, Brenda Simeth, will be available  
all weekend onsite.

[www.creativememories.com/user/BrendaSimeth](http://www.creativememories.com/user/BrendaSimeth)

Stay in our adult retreat center with  
handicapped accessible rooms.

Register Online: [www.LutherPoint.org](http://www.LutherPoint.org),

or call 715-689-2347

11525 Luther Point Rd.

Grantsburg, WI 54840

**CREATIVE**  
MEMORIES™

# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Guild</b> Carron Parmeter Kathy Young	<b>Money Counters</b> Mary Straub Tom H.					
					1	2 <b>10am</b> 1st Communion Class
3 9am Worship 9am SS Hour 10am Fellowship 10:30am Adult Forum	4	5 7pm Council Meeting	6 6pm Choir practice 7pm Confirmation/ Aftershock	7	8	9
10 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15am SS Hour	11 4pm Women's Bible Study	12	13 6pm Choir practice 7pm Confirmation/ Aftershock	14	15	16
17 <b>Thankoffering Service</b> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15am SS Hour 10:30am Adult Forum Christmas Child Collection Silent Auction Starts	18	19	20 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care Service 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 6pm Choir practice 7pm Confirmation/ Aftershock	21	22	23
24 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15am SS Hour	25	26	27 No Quilting No Choir Practice No Confirmation/ Aftershock Community Thanksgiving Service @ Our Savior's (time TBA)	28 <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>	29	30 <b>December Money Counters</b> Mike Allyn Norris Berg

## November 2019

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
<b>Nov. 3</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	C.J./Chad Young Family	Brenda/Bob Winger Nate/Randy Winger	Juliana Winger Lily Young	Belinda Foley	Parker Peterson	Lanette Place
<b>Nov. 10</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	Lori Coulson Family	Annie/Michael Chisholm Katie/Mike Allyn	Omar Coulson Brett Unser	Kathy Young	Josh Erlandson	Carron Parmeter Tom Holdorf
<b>Nov. 17</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	Dawn/Brian Madsen	Patricia/Desirae Peterson Donna C., Peggy Hoyer	Grace Bierbrauer Madison Peterson	Peggy Hoyer	Anthony Madsen	Dawn Madsen Ann Young
<b>Nov. 24</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	Holly/Dan Johnson Family	Leah/Paul Frandsen Renee/Cory Johnson	Morgan Kolodzienski Delaney Johnson	McKenna Girdeen	Derek Johnson	Becky Olson Rhoda Foley

**Assisting Minister: Nov. 3 - Lanette, Nov. 10 - Tom, Nov. 17 - Ann, Nov. 24 - Rhoda.**

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 Pastor Lucas at 273-4570 or Rhoda Foley at 273-4865.

