

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

October 2016

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many years, this month has marked the time we as a congregation have come together in a big way for the purpose of putting on a wonderful tradition. It's the sixty-eighth year in a row that we have had a lutefisk supper at Our Savior's, and it has been baked (or boiled!) into our character as a congregation. It's one of those beautiful traditions of the church that we love to get into and enjoy with one another.

We have lots of traditions as a Church and as a congregation. They are important because they connect us with our past and with the ones who have gone before us, and in some way when we pick up the traditions of our parents, we keep them alive in our midst. I love traditions, because they remind us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. But I would be wrong to say that sometimes, and especially in our church lives, our traditions can descend into traditionalism.

Theologian Jaroslav Pelikan said that "Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living." What he meant was that Tradition is when we recognize and are made alive by doing as our parents did, and traditionalism is when we do as our parents did even if it kills us. As we come to the 499th anniversary of the Reformation, we remember how Luther pushed the Church to remember that difference, and since we are a church that is always reforming, we should remember it today as well.

What makes our faith come alive? What moves our souls to God? How do we, as a congregation, honor not only what our parents did yesterday but also what we as a congregation are called to do today? Maybe it looks like the Lutefisk Supper and God's Work Our Hands; maybe it looks like the organ at the Gathering Hymn and a guitar and drums at the Sending Hymn. Maybe it looks like doing an old-fashioned bible study, but doing it in a bar instead of a church basement. The church is always reforming; where is God calling us to reformation now?

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.

October 23

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

Letty Larson, Colleen Johnson, Ken Arneson, Larry Hoyer, Audrey Halverson, 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.

Our Saviors Council Meeting
September 13th, 2016 7 pm

Present were: Brenda, Jim, Audrey, Ed, Brian, Tom, Pastor, Deb, and Stacy

Pastor led us in opening devotions. Discussed chapters in the book Ask, Thank, Tell. We will be exploring this book through the next several months.

Secretary's report: Brian made a motion to accept minutes as written. Ed second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: There is \$14,535.53 in the designated account. \$-198.17. We have \$763.66 in outstanding bills. Our insurance is paid. Motion made to accept by Jim second by Brenda.

Pastors report is attached. We have 26 kids in confirmation this year. Pastor will be happily teaching again. Worship committee will be reaching out to inactive members to help re-engage them.

Conflict: wheelchair location is accessible for stealing. Will be moved to around the corner. Looking at a second one for the basement.

Old Business: offering envelops. We have the option to reduce personalization, a more generic version of our envelope. The envelopes will still be numbers.

Currently we pay \$1.90 per packet, without personalization cost is \$1.35. We can also reduce the size to 1/3 of the current size for \$1.13. We currently purchase 325 many of which are not used or picked up. This amounts to a huge cost to the church per year. Next year we will ask at the annual meeting who wants envelopes and purchase only the families who want to continue the envelopes. Motion made to go with the 1/3 size generic envelopes and reduce the number we purchase to those who have picked up their envelopes in past few years by Jim. Second by Stacy. Motion passed.

Septic system: metering use for state reporting showed we have minimal use. can use a 15-16,000 gallon system for a large home septic system. We would continue to pump around the Lutefisk supper. Next step is seeking state approval. If ground freezes will start next year. Motion made to get final numbers and set up for the ground breaking first part of the spring made by Jim, second by Brian.

Printers: we spend \$93.1 per month to rent the printer upstairs, \$188.92 per month for the downstairs. There is also a \$160 per quarter service charge on the printer. We will look into purchasing a printer for Patricia upstairs to reduce the service charge and rent on the printer.

New Business: communion cards. Have an old supply. Will use again for Pastor to be able to report to the Synod how many people are taking communion per month.

Motion made to adjourn made by Ed, second by Jim.

Adjourn at 8:15 PM

Next meeting October 4, 2016 7 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Hansen

Welca Treasurer's Report July 2016

Beginning Balance	July 1, 2016	\$1579.17
Deposits		
	None	
Disbursements		
	#3891 Equal Exchange	\$147.50
Ending Balance	July 30, 2016	\$1431.67
		Designated Funds \$ 475.24
		General Fund \$ 956.43
	Library Fund	\$109.86
	Quilting Fund	\$148.83
	Kitchen Fund	<u>\$216.55</u>
		\$475.24

Welca Treasurer's August 2016

Beginning Balance	August 1, 2016	\$1431.67
Deposits		
	Cards / dish clothes	\$ 26.00
	Coffee Sales	\$ 14.00
	Funerals (Deloris & Adeline)	<u>\$300.00</u>
		\$340.00
		\$1771.67
Disbursements		
	#3892 Treasurers Abounding	\$ 85.00
Ending Balance	August 30, 2016	\$1686.67
		Designated Funds \$ 475.24
		General Fund \$ 1211.43
	Library Fund	\$109.86
	Quilting Fund	\$148.83
	Kitchen Fund	<u>\$216.55</u>
		\$475.24

Welca Treasurer's Report September 2016

Beginning Balance	September 1 st , 2016	\$1686.67
Deposits		
	Coffee	\$ 20.00
		\$1706.67
Disbursements		
	# 3893 Oklee Quilting	\$ 99.36
Ending Balance	September 30 th , 2016	\$1607.31
		Designated Fund \$ 475.24
		General Fund \$1132.07
	Library Fund	\$148.83
	Quilting Fund	\$213.19
	Kitchen Fund Account	<u>\$216.55</u>
		\$475.24

Bev Radkey /Treasurer



2 Corinthians 9:7

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

Our Savior's Lutheran experienced a small army of cheerful givers on Sunday, 9/11/16. God blessed us with a glorious day both in terms of weather and workers. We asked for your commitment to our morning of service and we were so very pleased with your response. Here is what you did:

- Scrubbed & shined up fire trucks
- Picked up 3 miles of road ditches
- Prepared Sunday School rooms for (9/18)
- Tied 7 blankets/quilts
- Put smiles on care center residents faces with music, crafts & visits
- Engaged assisted living folks in BINGO
- Cleaned and polished the Ellsworth Senior Center
- Repaired the fair stand
- Pruned and weeded Halverson gardens
- Replaced the church mailbox & post
- Removed sod from gravestones ~ take a walk through the west end of the cemetery
- Served a meal to nearly 100 cheerful givers

Whatever you did ~ whether helping out on a project, taking photos, preparing newsletter & bulletin announcements, posting to social media, making phone calls, worshipping & praying with us, or giving suggestions & encouragement with a smile, we thank you.

A special thank you to Thrivent Financial for helping to fund our meal and some of the supplies for completing these projects.

Your Evangelism Team,
Sharon Peterson, Pauline Laughnan, Lanette Place

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God: ELW 503-505

Perhaps Martin Luther's most famous hymn, A Mighty Fortress is immediately identified in Lutheran churches as *the* Reformation hymn. Most scholars agree it was written between 1527 and 1529, but its popularity was cemented quickly since it was being sung by German princes in defiance of the Pope and Emperor by 1531. Its surging melody and forceful lyrics helped make it the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation," and its popularity continues to this day.

The text and melody were both composed by Martin Luther himself as part of his effort to teach theology through the hymns we sing. The lyrics were adapted from Psalm 46 that begins "God is our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble." The melody, *Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott*, was also written by Luther. Contrary to popular history, he didn't actually pick it up from a bar tune, although it is likely the rhythm was meant to mimic one to make it more singable.

The current translation we use was put together from multiple earlier translations and came out with the 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Prior to that, the most enduring translation in Lutheran churches in America was that of the *Pennsylvania Lutheran Church Book* from 1868, with other Protestant churches using Frederick Hedge's 1853 translation.

However the words have been translated, A Mighty Fortress continues to be a powerful testament to our faith in God not just for Reformation Sunday but for every Sunday during the year. It is a hymn that continues to teach and form our faith to understand that we have a champion in Jesus Christ, and because of what he has done, "the kingdom's ours forever!"

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

KICK OFF SUNDAY WILL BE OCTOBER 30TH.

COFFEE HOUR WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30TH FOR POSTAGE AND ITEMS FOR THE SHOEBOXES!

COLLECTION SUNDAY WILL BE NOVEMBER 13TH.

On October 30th I will have brochures with all the information for you to pack your own shoebox. Also there is an envelope if you just want to make a donation for the postage for the shoebox. It costs \$7.00 to send each shoebox. If you have any questions on this feel free to call Larry or Peggy Hoyer at 715-273-4398. If no one answers feel free to leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We will have a box in the back of the church for donations for the shoeboxes. If you are going to do a monetary donation please give to Larry or Peggy. (Don't put money in the box.)

Thank-you! Larry and Peggy Hoyer

Scandinavian Food Fest: October 21-22, 2016 from 10-2pm at Bethel in Hudson

First Communion Class: Will be offered on Saturday October 22nd at 1pm at Church. If you feel your child is ready contact Pastor Lucas.

My sincere thanks for the prayers, cares, and cards I received with my July 28th Stroke. I'm grateful for the Amery Regions Hospital for wonderful medical means. I'm going down the recovery road and it feels great! My goal – One Day At A Time. In Friendship, Marion Erlandson "ME"

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

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

Anyone want wood?

The pine trees along the outfield fence at the ball park need to be removed before they cause any more damage. Is there anyone in the congregation wanting wood that would be interested in cutting them down and helping with the cleanup? Expertise is required. We don't want to have to repair the outfield fence. If interested, contact Lemoine Baker, President of the Men In Mission.

BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND: We will be collecting pancake mix & syrup during the month of October. Wouldn't it be great to have our Lutefisk Supper guests see an overflowing shopping cart?



Live Generously.

OUR SAVIOR'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This is an educational scholarship for the 2017-2018 school term from Our Savior's Lutheran Church via the Endowment Committee. This scholarship application must be received by November 1, 2016 for the 2017-2018 school year. Students enrolled in a four-year degree college are eligible for a \$400 scholarship award. Students enrolled in a two-year or less post high school program are eligible for a \$200 award. The exact number of awards to be given will be determined later. The student must maintain at least a half-time enrollment status. The check will be made co-payable to the college and the recipient and will be issued in October 2017. Students not selected may reapply the following year. Recipients are not eligible to apply again. If a scholarship recipient should decide not to go on for further schooling, then that student would forfeit their current scholarship.

Your college may provide matching funds for church sponsored scholarships.

Requirements to apply: Member of Our Savior's congregation
Attend a college or vocational school
Maintain at least half-time enrollment status

Deadline for application: **November 1, 2016**

Send application to: Amy Parmeter
W5098 450th Avenue
Ellsworth, WI 54011

STUDENT'S NAME _____

PRESENT YEAR IN SCHOOL _____

PARENT NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL _____

TYPE OF PROGRAM (circle one) graduate 4 year 2 year

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER PLANS? _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP PREVIOUSLY AND NOT RECEIVED IT?

YES NO WHEN _____

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Mary Halls Peggy Hoyer	Money Counters Jim Chisholm Ed Rohl					
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2 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	3	4 7pm Council Meeting	5 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation & Aftershock	6	7	8
9 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	10 5pm Women's Bible Study	11	12 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation & Aftershock	13 9am-12 Flat Bread Making	14	15 8am MIM Meeting
16 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	17	18	19 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation & Aftershock	20	21	22 1pm First Communion Class
23 9am Worship Baptism sunday 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	24 6pm furniture moving; refrigerators, and freezers	25 8am Meatball making 12pm Gravy making	26 5:30pm Potato peeling Dining room decorating and table set-up	27 5am Grot Making 68 th Lutefisk Supper @2pm	28 9am Clean-up	29
Confirmation and Aftershock kids will be helping with the supper						
30 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	31 Happy Halloween!	Tuesday November 1st Worship Meeting @5pm				November Money Counters Carla Radkey/ Earney Jim Chisholm

October 2016

						Communion
	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Server
Oct. 2 9:00 am	Jess/Josh Erlandson Family	Katie/Mike Allyn Bridget/Adam Peterson	Brooke Minder Payton Lawler	Jacob Halls	Shelby Lawler	Mary Halls
Oct. 9 9:00 am	Trisha/Jeremy Rouleau Family	Kay/Norris Berg Sandy/Terry Odalen	Madisyn Rouleau Nadia Thurmes	Sonia Yunker	Jeremy Rouleau	Leah Frandsen Lanette Place
Oct. 16 9:00 am	Jeanette/Warren Schade	Donna C./Brian J. Becky/Barry Johnson	Gunnar Allyn Anthony Madsen	Ann Young	Mike/Sam Allyn	Sue Peterson Sheryl Mercord
Oct. 23 9:00 am	Connie/Todd Girdeen Family	Kay/Lemoine Baker Belinda F./Jenny J.	Shelby Lawler McKenna Girdeen	Jim Chisholm	Payton Lawler	Jim Chisholm Brian Johnson
Oct. 30 9:00 am	Norma Taplin Family	Ann/Dennis Kiefer Pauline/Roger Laughnan	Devin Denzer Dakota Pittman	Kathy Young	Tyler Schroeder	Ed Rohl Peggy Hoyer

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.