

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,

This is the month where we get to celebrate a historic milestone in the history of our church: the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! There will be celebrations all over the world in Lutheran churches and other churches that are heirs of the Reformation. I'm sure many churches will celebrate 500 years with retellings of the story of how Luther rediscovered the doctrine of grace; movies have already been put out on the topic; German-themed festivals have been planned. It just so happens that in the same month we celebrate this major event, we also have our own tradition to celebrate in our Lutefisk Supper.

And as we celebrate this major moment in history, let's remember another important thing the reformers pointed out. The Church is always reforming—*ecclesia semper reformanda*. The Reformation wasn't an event that happened five hundred years ago. It's an ongoing action in the Church, listening for the call of the Holy Spirit to renew our hope in the gospel. It's a call to see where our human institutions have diluted and deflected the message of the gospel. It's an ongoing quest to be sanctified for the sake of the kingdom.

So we should be willing, as we approach this five hundred year mark, to look honestly at our history. Let's confess where the Church has gone wrong—when we supported slavery, when we sanctified colonialism, when we justified racism, when we clothed any injustice in the gospel so we could keep a central place in society. Let's confess when the Church has preferred doctrine over love, influence over service, patriotism over justice. And let's be forgiven in the hope that we will overcome these sins of our past, and the gospel will make straight the crooked ways we've made before.

Let's keep an eye to how the Church is moving in the future, the hope that we have in where God is taking us in the next five hundred years. Let's keep an open ear to our sisters and brothers in the global south, from Brazil to Tanzania to China, to hear what the Holy Spirit through the scriptures is telling them who God is. Let's keep an open ear to our sisters and brothers of other races and nationalities, realizing that God speaks through all of us together, to continually reform the Church.

Let's make our 500 year celebration a hopeful gaze into the future and not a nostalgic longing for the past. God draws us forward into a future of hope and grace, to share the mission with others, to lift up those weighted down under sin and oppression, and to learn from one another in grace and humility so that the gospel will always reform the Church.

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 19, December 17

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

Council Meeting Minutes
Date: September 5, 2017, 7:00 pm

Present were: Tom, Pastor, Deb, Brian, Bruce, Mike, Audrey, Dawn, Ed, and Norris. Meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf. Pastor led devotions and opening prayer.

Secretary's report: Discussion about freezer report not being actually discussed last meeting. Motion made by Mike, seconded by Ed.

Treasurer's report: \$10,991.33 in designated account. -\$61.23 in general account. Bills are all caught up, but Debbi has not been paid for two months. Still owe \$10,040 to ourselves. Discussion on the fundraising committee to clarify its activities and oversight. Motion by Ed, seconded by Norris.

Pastor's report: see attached.

No committee reports.

Conflict detection:

Sinks have been running, resolving previous issue.

Freezer is causing some friction. Discussion on where to put it during Lutefisk. It will be moved to a more convenient spot and will be discussed further after the Supper.

Old Business:

Tree removal by Joe Carden is approved, some miscommunication about giving the green light.

New Business:

Lutefisk cost: There is a gap in records for 2016 to estimate costs. Norris will look into food costs and will contact the council by email for approval.

Discussion about how to provide contact information from the members when volunteers need to be called.

Suggestions to include contact information in Time & Talents sheets, put on the website, and ask for contact information through the announcements feed.

Change to offering envelopes is going well and we will likely not need more than 100 this year.

Ed will not be handling snow plowing the parking lot this year.

Audrey proposed the church announce Lutheran Disaster Response as a way to provide aid to the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We will add a slide with information to give to LDR and the Texas Gulf Coast Synod for disaster relief donations in the announcements feed.

Patricia Peterson will begin as our new Youth Director as of September 1. She was approved via email by the council.

Motion to adjourn by Mike, seconded by Norris.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. Next meeting will be October 3.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pastor Lucas Ladnier.

OUR SAVIOR'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This is an educational scholarship for the 2018-2019 school term from Our Savior's Lutheran Church via the Endowment Committee. This scholarship application must be received by November 1, 2017 for the 2018-2019 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 issued in October 2018.

Notes: 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, 2017**

Send application to: Amy Parmeter
 W5098 450th Avenue
 Ellsworth, WI 54011
 Or
 Endowment Committee mail slot (*near the office in the back of the church*)

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** _____

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



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.

Assisting Minister Information Meeting: Martin Luther said, among other things, that we are a "priesthood of all believers." Before, it was only the priest and the deacons who were allowed to approach the altar. Luther saw this as one more way the Church hierarchy tried to separate the people from God. Anyone, he asserted, can approach the altar, just as anyone can approach God.

Many churches have responded to this by having a congregation member serve as an assisting minister, helping to lead the service with the pastor. The presence of an assisting minister is a reminder that we are all welcome to come to God, and that we don't have to be an ordained minister to lead in worship.

I will be living out that assertion of Luther's this fall, and I invite you to participate in the position of Assisting Minister. If you aren't sure what that is or what that entails, there will be several information meetings (each stands on its own; it's not a series) where I will lead a discussion on what the duties and expectations of an Assisting Minister are. If the Spirit moves you, please let me know if you feel it's something you can do in our service together. The next information meeting will be Sunday October 8th after Worship.

In Christ, Pastor Lucas

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Member Sunday: We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Be sure to join us in the fellowship hall immediately following worship service that day and get to know our new members. Refreshments, including apple cider donuts from the Rush River Orchard, will be served.

MOOLA FOR MILK CAMPAIGN: We will be taking a collection for the Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County, Moola for Milk Campaign. This program provides fresh milk to food pantry and weekend backpack participants. It is completely funded by local donations. All proceeds from this drive go directly to the local food pantries, where the need for milk is still high. Please give generously when the white milk jug is passed in church on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017.



English Lutheran Church is hosting its Annual Garage No-Sale on Saturday October 14th from 9am-12pm. **Everything is Free!** Donated items can be dropped off at the church basement. Any questions please call English Lutheran at 715-273-4617.



Luther Point Bible Camp is having a Trunk or Treat. October 21, 4-7 p.m. Luther Point Bible Camp 11525 Luther Point Rd. Grantsburg, WI 54840 (715) 689-2347, www.LutherPoint.org Put your costumes on and join us at Luther Point Bible Camp for an evening of Trunk-or-Treating, bobbing for apples, cookie decorating, costume contest, Halloween games and much more!!! A light dinner of grilled hotdogs, chips and salad will be provided. Come for the candy, stay for the fun! Helpers



Operation Christmas Child: It's time again for Operation Christmas Child.

Kick off Sunday will be October 29th, 2017, with coffee hour for raising money for shipping.

New this year are: No candy, No toothpaste, No chocolate, No food, No liquid or lotions,

No breakables like snow globes or glass containers, No aerosol cans, No war-related items,

No seeds, Also postage went up to \$9.00 a shoe box. Peggy has brochures on How to pack a shoe box, so

if you need one just ask. There will be a box in the Narthex for donations. You can make the checks out to Peggy Hoyer, and in memo put Operation Christmas Child or write the check to Samaritan's Purse. Collection Sunday for the shoe boxes will be November 12th, 2017. Thank you Peggy Hoyer 715-273-4398



Our hearts are full of praise and thanks to God for yet another successful **God's Work-Our Hands** event. You planted seeds of hope around a cause you care about. You stepped up, took part, and challenged others to take action. And together, you made a positive change. That's not just awesome ~ it's awe-inspiring! Thank you for sharing your God-given gifts to make the world a better place. You are truly a blessing to your family, your friends, and the countless people you've touched through your generosity! (Check out the website for pictures from our amazing day.)

Good News! Our dignity Quilts project undertaken by the River Falls Area Hospital - Auxiliary has won the Partners of WHA's WAVE Award! WAVE stands for "Wisconsin Award for Volunteer Excellence," so we are very excited about this recognition of our work. A big thank you to each and every one of you that helped make this project a success. Without the many hands that helped put this project together for the Emergency Room, nursing homes, funeral homes and senior living areas, we would not have achieved our goal to help those that grieve and help in the healing following a loss of a family member or friend. There is a lot of power in communities pulling together for a common cause. God Bless each of you. The award will be formally announced at an awards banquet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 3rd at the Partners of WHA (Wisconsin Hospital Association) Convention in Green Bay.

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!"

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

October—10/18

2:30 Atrium Post Acute Care

November—None

December—12/6

1:30pm Preferred Living

2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

Thank you for all the prayers sent to me over the last 6 weeks. I am all better and the doctor says I will be just fine. I had my Picc line removed the first day of school. I am a 3rd grader in Elk Mound. Thanks again....Easton Chisholm

In Need of Prayer



Gabe Rosenberry, Bill Hines, Scott Bjork, Judie Goodwin, Wayne Peterson, Haley Steffen, Mary Jo Bjork, Andy Foley, Letty Larson, Colleen Johnson, Ken Arneson, Alexander Kempe, Ervin Golson, and Kristen Anderson.

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



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Mary Halls Peggy Hoyer	Money Counters Audrey Severson					
1 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 Adult Forum 10:15 SS Hour	2	3 7pm Council Meeting	4 7-8pm Youth Group	5	6	7
8 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour 10:15 Assisting Minister Information meeting	9 5pm Women's Bible Study	10	11 9am Flat bread baking 7-8pm Confirmation 7-8pm Aftershock	12	13	14
15 9am Worship Rouleau Baptism 10am Fellowship 10:15 Adult Forum 10:15 SS Hour	16	17	18 4-5:30 SOS Kids Crew 7-8pm Confirmation 7-8pm Aftershock	19	20	21 8am MIM Meeting
22 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	23 6pm moving furniture, refrigerators, and freezers	24 8am Meatball making 12pm Gravy making	25 No Quilting 5:30pm Table set-up, and Decorating 5:30pm Potato Peeling	26 5am Grot making 1:30pm Early shift 2pm 69th Annual Lutefisk Supper	27 9am Clean-up	28
Confirmation, and Aftershock kids are asked to help with the Lutefisk Supper						
29 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 Adult Forum 10:15 SS Hour	30	31				November Money Counters Jim Chisholm Debbi Pittman

October 2017

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
Oct. 1 9:00 am	Sonia Yunker Family	Brenda/Bob Winger Sheryl/Bob Mercord	Charley Gilby Raelynn Rasmussen	Bob Mercord	Rhett Rasmussen	Mary Halls
Oct. 8 9:00 am	Gayle Knight Family	Jackie/John Schroeder Becky/Dan Olson	Tyler Schroeder Luke Knight	Lemoine Baker	McKenna Girdeen	Carron Parmeter Becky Olson
Oct. 15 9:00 am	Amy/Shawn Parmeter	Amy/Ken Matzek Becky/Barry Johnson	Dakota Pittman Leo Parmeter	Heather Johnson	Ryan Matzek	Peggy Hoyer Becky Johnson
Oct. 22 9:00 am	Pam Hines Family	Arianne/John Halverson Pauline/Roger Laughnan	Nadia Thurmes Dayah Halverson	Michael Chisholm	Colton Halverson	Leah Frandsen Pauline Laughnan
Oct. 29 9:00 am	Leslie/Michael Young Family	Dawn/Joe Minder Lanette/Bruce Place	Trinity Wilkens Taylor Peterson	Kay Baker	McKenna Minder	Fred Parmeter Lanette Place

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.