

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

April 2024

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

One of the joys I have every Spring is when we get to walk through our neighborhood and there are tulips blooming. They're beautiful flowers, and their arrival means that Spring is really here! But tulips don't start off that way. They start as those really homely little onion-like bulbs that are buried in the ground way back in Fall, before the frost sets in. And if they're not buried in Fall, they don't become tulips in Spring. They need that time to be "dead in the earth" before they can become the beautiful thing they're meant to be.

That's the case with so many plants, right? A seed looks nothing like a flower, but it's only by burying the seed that the flower can come to be. And a corn kernel looks nothing like the stalk, but without burying it the corn remains just a kernel. What is buried becomes something entirely new! And when we talk about resurrection, we're talking about what was being buried and becoming something entirely new.

The new life that we hope for in Christ is resurrected life, and when we talk about resurrected life we mean a life that looks completely different from the life we have before Jesus. Like seeds, we don't look anything like what we will be. When Paul wrote about it he couldn't even describe what the resurrected life except to say "we will be changed." It's a life that's fulfilled and whole and beautiful, beneficial to everyone and pleasing to God. Our resurrected lives will look as radically different from our lives now as a tulip bulb looks radically different from a tulip flower.

What we will be is in us, though. In baptism, the transformation to the resurrected life is already begun! We are already starting to be changed into the resurrected people that God will make us into. We are already blessed with gifts that will make the kingdom whole. And if we've already got the beginnings of this resurrected life in us, shouldn't we start practicing for what we will become? Shouldn't we start training ourselves, because this is who we will become for the blessedness of eternal life!

If God has made you a tulip, what if you started practicing sharing the beauty you will one day share with God every day? And if God has made you a maple tree, what if you start sharing your shade? If God has blessed you to be grass for the kingdom, what if you practice being that place of comfort and relaxation for others, a blanket of green that completes every picturesque landscape? Or if God has put in you the gifts to become a tomato, how could you start brightening the flavor of each day now?

The resurrected life will look so completely different from the one we have now. But that doesn't mean we don't get to start experiencing it now. As the season changes and you start seeing tulips (or green grass, or tomato plants, or leaves on the trees), remember that you are already the possessor of the gifts God will bless you with for eternity. You are already called to become what God will make you into. Start enjoying the resurrection life that God is preparing for you, because the tomb is empty and he is risen!

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.

April 28, May 12th, June 16th, July 14th, August 11th, September 15th. October 13th, November 17th, December 15th

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.

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Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2024

Call Meeting to Order: President Tim Wiff at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Debbi Pittman, Pastor Lucas, Donna Constant, Ron Halverson, Mike Rehbein, Tim Wiff, John Traun, Ann Young, Mark Jensen, Sue Palmquist, Steve Straub

Absent: Patricia Peterson, Audrey Severson,

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas

New Business:

- **Money Counters & Tech Asst:** April Mark & Sue

- **Fireworks**, Tim will check with insurance company, Pastor will contact Rolf Council members selected Liaison positions.

Ron was approached by Charlie Casey regarding Mahn Funeral Home asking about paid advertising.

To accept advertising may not stand well with other funeral homes.

Tim recommended adding Mahn Funeral Home to a list of referrals.

Donna described Heart, the organization. \$25 annual membership

Totes of shoes, flooring, etc. for low cost.

Examples of low cost, \$2/pair of name brand shoes, \$10/full tote of youth size coats.

<https://www.heartrt.org/>

Heartland Store, website

<https://www.heartlandoutlet.com/>

Pastor made a motion to join Heart to help people. Mark 2nd M/C

Old Business:

Organ, possible repair. Tim will check with a music store in Baldwin. Heather wants to be present during the technician's review of the organ and piano.

Secretary's Report:

Debbi Motion to approve, Donna 2nd M/C

Treasurer's Report:

Designated Account	\$59,894.59
General Account	\$6,330.02
Money Market	\$137,785.70
Total	\$202,010.31

The Edward Jones CDs account: \$202,655.24

Donna Motion to approve, Ann 2nd M/C

Pastor's report:

Ann Motion to approve, Mark 2nd M/C

Youth Report:

Please ask Patricia when available on her return

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Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports:

Property:

Bruce, looking at restriping the parking lot.

-Painted entire fellowship hall.

-Later will wash, mop floor and coat with wax.

-May replace some of the tile.

-Bruce & Bill Installed a new 2 gang outlet near island countertop to support additional roasters and other high current draw appliances.

Conflict Detection:

Closed Session

Adjourn:

Donna Motion to adjourn, Debbie 2nd M/C 8:30 pm

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: April 02, 2024.

Mike will be absent, Donna volunteered to take notes at the next council meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Rehbein

Men In Mission - March 16, 2024

After breakfast served by Mike R. and Clair S. and devotions led by Pastor Lucas, the business meeting was called to order by President Mike Rehbein.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Reporting for Tom Holdorf, Clair said there is \$4080 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund, \$5213 in the fair stand fund, and \$2344 in the general fund. We cleared \$1000 at the oyster stew/soup dinner and it was forwarded to Luther Point to their Campership fund. Motion to approve by Ron H./Bill B.

Old business:

Ball park:

A report was submitted by Donna and read.

The ball park is being rented out on May 11th. We need a workday before then to spread gravel and pea rock. The stand is nearing completion with several inspections cleared. The water will be in before May 11th. We need to move freezers, cooler etc. from the old stand to the new one. Much thanks to Bill B. for all the electrical work done. Discussion on the ball park grounds, moles, pocket gophers. Coaches meeting coming up in late March. We decided they should be asked if \$300 a team would be acceptable for the season. We are at \$250 now. This increase amounts to an increase of about \$.50 per player per game. The future tracking of concession stand revenue was discussed and tabled to the May meeting.

Paul and Gabe Frandsen have again offered to mow the ball park for the summer. We are extremely grateful for their service. **THANK YOU!**

New Business:

The MIM Annual Pancake breakfast is scheduled for April 21st. Clair will apply for a Thrivent Action Team gift card. The menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit cocktail, juice, milk, and coffee. Motion made by Clair S./Pastor Lucas to forward the proceeds to the Pierce Co. Food Pantry.

Motion made by Bruce P./David J. to allow the Ellsworth FFA to use our fair stand on June 8th (9th for a rain date) for the tractor pull.

Liz Dietsche (from the fair) contacted Clair about the square footage of the fair stand. They had a different number than what we had recorded. The old number was 720 sq. ft. and the new number is 729 sq. ft.

Coffee hour tomorrow with cupcakes, cookies, and bars. (We made \$145 to the general fund.)

No coffee hour in April because of the pancake breakfast.

MIM coffee hour on May 19th.

MIM will meet May 18th with Donna C. and Bruce P. serving.

7 members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Clair Severson

Support Our Mission with eGiving

This Easter, consider making your gifts using our eGiving tools. Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers Online: oursaviorschurch.info "give" tab
Text-to-Give: 833-506-0632.



DINNER - 5:30PM PLEASE JOIN US
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PROGRAM - 6:15PM

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY



APRIL 17, 2024

BLEEDING CONTROL
CHOKING
AED FAMILIARIZATION
CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

RSVP by phone: 715-273-4570 or email: office.osbeldenville@gmail.com

DINNER - 5:30PM PLEASE JOIN US
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH YOGA - 6:30PM

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY



APRIL 24
6:30PM

SPIRITUAL YOGA LED BY ERIN NELSON
(PLEASE BRING A YOGA MAT OR TOWEL)

RSVP by phone: 715-273-4570 or email: office.osbeldenville@gmail.com



Thank You! Paul and Gabe Frandsen for keeping the Church parking lot plowed this winter. They have again offered to mow the ball park for the 2024 summer. We are extremely grateful for their time and talents.

Thank you to Members of Our Savior's very much for the recent donation in the amount of \$100.00. We are very grateful for this gift, which will support general operations of Turningpoint. Sincerely, Amy Berg, Resource Development Director.

Thank you Our Savior's Endowment Fund, for the recent gift of \$100.00 to our organization. We appreciate your continued support for our mission as we support Pierce County Residents' quality of life by providing equitable access to food and resources. Sincerely, Heidi Albarado, Pierce County Food Pantry Coordinator.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items.

For the month of **APRIL** we will be collecting;

Baked Beans, Oatmeal, Canned Fruit

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church.

Thank you for showing your concern.

Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Lets help end hunger in Pierce County.

Please spread the word!

Volunteers needed at the Pierce County Food Pantry in Ellsworth every Monday 4-6pm for shopping and for stocking shelves every Tuesday and Thursday 9am - noon.

Please message or call 715-821-7763 if you or someone you know may be interested. Thank you

2024

**Preferred Senior Living
&
Ellsworth Health Services**

Worship Schedule for Our Savior's

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living,
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

**Wednesday
May 22nd,
August 28th, November 13th**



The Evangelism Committee: we will start collecting Winter outer wear for Basics for local Kids on Sunday, April 7th and continue through the month of April. New or gently used and clean items are accepted. Zippers must be in working condition. They collect all sizes from infant to adult. Look for a box in the narthex to leave your donations in. We look forward to sharing warmth in our community. Thank you, Your Evangelism Committee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Annual Men In Mission PANCAKE Breakfast

Sunday April 21st

serving from 10am-11:30am.

Menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit cocktail, juice, milk, and coffee.

All proceeds raised go to

THE PIERCE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY.

Come, enjoy, and help them out with a generous donation.

Women's ELCA
Renewal Women's Organization of the
Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Morning of Renewal
St. Croix Valley Conference
April 20, 2024
First Lutheran Church
218 County Road K, New Richmond, WI

All My Deserts Are Rivers of Joy

Ginny will encourage us with stories of God's faithfulness to revive us in our desert seasons and situations. We will remember the Biblical heroes of our faith and be encouraged by their unexpected joy as God made a way where there didn't seem to be a way. Ginny will share her personal experience of finding hope in the hard places. Together we will reflect on God's goodness and deepen our trust in His love for us.



Isaiah 35:1-2

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

Speaker
Ginny Rassier

- Local friend, wife, mother and grandmother who loves Jesus.
- Grateful to have been a lifetime part of the church community.
- Involved in prayer, youth and recovery ministries.
- Loves people and conversations with friends and family.



8:30-9:00 am - Registration
9:00-11:30 am - Program
11:30 am-12:30 pm - Lunch
Registration Fee \$15 (at the door)

GracePlace will also be presenting
We will be collecting an in-kind donation for them. More details will be coming.

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Jodi Wiff & Kathy Young Money Counters/ Tech Assistants: Mark Jensen Sue Palmquist	1	2 7pm Council Meeting	3 6pm Ice Cream Outing (9th graders only)	4	5	6
7 Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9am Worship/Livestream Sunday School Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	8	9	10 6pm Confirmation Banquet	11	12	13
14 Affirmation of Baptism 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	15 10am Coffee and Conversation	16	17 4-5:30pm S.O.S. Kids Crew 5:30pm Youth/Family Meal 6:15pm Wellness Wednesday	18	19	20 9am Morning of Renewal
21 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour Men in Mission Pancake Breakfast	22	23	24 8:30am Quilting 6:15pm Wellness Wednesday	25	26	27
28 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	29	30				

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion	Assisting Minister
April 7th 9:00AM	Tim & Jodi Wiff	Dustyn Raleigh Mark Jensen	Eli Stockwell Isaac Yunker	Crystal Raleigh	Roger Laughnan	Acolytes	
April 14th 9:00AM	Bruce & Lanette Place	Maddie Constant Sue Palmquist	Brody Flynn Grayson Jensen	Brad Taplin	Roger Laughnan	Audrey Severson	Rhoda Foley
April 21st 9:00AM	Mary Halls Lori Coulson	Ben Johnson Mark Jensen	Hadley Coulson Nora Christopherson	Kay Berg	Roger Laughnan	Pauline Laughnan	Tom Holdorf
April 28th 9:00AM	Gabe & Katie Feuerhelm Family	Jake Knight Sue Palmquist	Lucy & June Feuerhelm	Rhoda Foley	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley	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 or call Lori Coulson, Mary Halls, or Vicki Bowen if you have any questions. Lori: 715--821-3731 Mary: 715-307-0842, Vicki: 612-756-5067. Instructions for each ministry position are posted in the narthex.



In Need of Prayer!

Elaine Hines, Dean Mewes, Fred Hoyer, John Paape, Eldon Schellfeffer,
Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.

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

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