

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

August 2020

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

Like many of y'all, this summer we planted a vegetable garden in the plot in our backyard. It's probably a normal experience for many of y'all—the rhythm of clearing, tilling, planting, and watching as small leaves emerge and grow into delicious vegetables to add to your meals or can for later or donate to the food shelf or whatever else you like to do with your produce. But for me, it was a big experience because I have never grown a garden myself.

This year, in an attempt to see if I can grow anything, I planted tomatoes. Mostly it was because they were easy and available (my neighbor had a bunch she didn't have room for and she's happy to help me learn how to garden). But in my inexperience, I didn't do one very important thing. I didn't prepare any supports for my tomato plants, so the vines began to sprawl out across the ground.

Now, if you've grown tomatoes, you know how fickle they can be about growing along the ground. Fungi in the soil deteriorate and yellow the leaves; bugs and slugs are happy to munch away at any tomatoes that grow; something about the contact with the ground doesn't help out much. So, recently, I finally corrected my mistake and got some stakes and string to lift them up off the ground. However, because of how long it took me to realize (and correct) my mistake, I had to prune a lot of diseased branches. I had to cut off parts with little green tomatoes on them because there was no way to get them off the ground with the materials I had.

God has given us an amazing creation, filled with beautiful things, wondrous things, breathtaking and terrifying and awe-inspiring things. And when God gave us these things, God said to us through Adam that we were to take care of them. To *steward* them. And we do okay, most of the time. But sometimes we end up forgetting to stake up the tomatoes, and things go awry. Things like the last decade being the hottest on record. Things like hurricane intensities increasing every year. Things like habitat destruction that introduces novel viruses. And a lot of these things can seem very, very big. Like, "how am I supposed to do anything about them" big. But God didn't put us on Earth by ourselves. God put us together, as families, communities, even nations.

When the things we need to fix to be good stewards of the Earth are so huge, God calls us to act as a whole community to make it happen. That looks like calling on power companies to use renewable and clean energy sources, or encouraging green space in our towns and cities. It looks like combining trips in the car, and pressuring auto companies to make more efficient vehicles that pollute less. Caring for creation isn't something God expects us to do all by ourselves, but together with each other. And when we learn what to do better, let's do it.

Like how I had to fix my tomatoes. It might involve cutting off a lot of stuff that will only hurt in the long run, even when it seems necessary right now. It might mean letting someone with more knowledge and experience help us understand how to be better stewards. It might mean doing our best to be good stewards, and trust that God still brings the rain and sunshine that makes things grow.

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.

**August 9, September 13, October 18, November 15, December 20.**

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

# Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order: President Randy Winger at 7:00 PM

Attending: Randy Winger, Debbi Pittman, Bob Winger, Lanette Place, Sharon Seibel, Mary Straub, Jill Rosenberry, Ann Young – by phone

Absent: Pastor Lucas, Norris Berg, Dan Place

Opening Devotions: Lanette Place

## **New Business:**

Well updates – passed inspection – the well is in good shape

Outdoor worship & online service feedback

We need to have the radio station listed in the bulletin

The music sound quality needs to be improved

76 people were at the July 12<sup>th</sup> service.

It was decided to have 4 more weeks of outdoor services after discussions on what other churches are doing for services

**Ball park:** It was voted upon that we will let people play at the ball field if the insurance policy says that we are covered. Lanette – 1<sup>st</sup> and Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Pierce County Fair cancelled – drive thru. It was brought up that we could maybe have a drive thru fair food time with other stands. We decided to not pursue this as it is only one month until fair time and there would not be enough time to order food.

Lutefisk supper – We need to think about how to do this event this year. Tabled discussion.

Elevator inspection – was good but we need to have an emergency contact if anyone would get stuck in the elevator when no one else is in the church

Confirmation Sunday – Motion was made to have this event on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Jill – 1<sup>st</sup>, Debbi – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Money Counters – A sign-up list was sent around. We will be returning to regular scheduled council meetings

Custodian resignation – replacement search – appreciation event – We will open up this position and post. A motion was made to give a gift to the Chisholm's for their many years of work. Lanette – 1<sup>st</sup>, Bob – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Quote for Water heater, toilets, and faucets – We made a motion to go with ERC's quote for \$4,190.00. Debbi – 1<sup>st</sup>, Bob – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Grab and go cart – coffee and cinnamon rolls – God's Work Our Hands – Requested by Sharon Peterson – We made a motion to do this. Debbi – 1<sup>st</sup>, Jill 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Old Business:** Randy will email to board members the Child Protection Policy

A motion was made to buy a new dehumidifier. Bob 1<sup>st</sup>, Jill 2<sup>nd</sup>

Secretary's Report – Motion to accept. Debbi – 1<sup>st</sup>, Lanette – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept. Sharon – 1<sup>st</sup>, Bob – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Pastor's Report

Youth Report – Motion to accept. Lanette – 1<sup>st</sup>, Debbi – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Committee Reports – Jill told us about the Luther Point Auction

Conflict Detection

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn. Debbi – 1<sup>st</sup>, Jill – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Closing Prayer

Next meeting – August 4, 2020 – 7 PM

Respectively submitted by Sharon Seibel

## *Gathering for Drive-In Worship*

Dear siblings in Christ,

We have weathered quite a storm as we sheltered in place to keep one another safe! It has been hard, I know, to keep our distance for the sake of each other's health. We have missed one another, feeling the distance that used to be so short between us, and many of us are hoping for some small respite from this distancing we've been practicing. In conversation with the council, we have made the decision to offer drive-in worship. We have the space to gather in our cars for worship, and we have faithfully discerned that we can gather in this way safely.

The practices and protocols we have put into place as we prepare for this happy reunion are based on the recommendations of the Pierce County Health Department, guidelines from the ELCA on how to safely resume worship, the recommendations of health experts who have shared their wisdom at several synodical Zoom workshops, and the good sense that God gave us all to approach this time with wisdom and love.

Beginning June 21, we will begin holding worship in the church parking lot at 9:00 am on Sundays. To make sure that our actions align with Jesus' commandment to "love one another," we will need to do the following:

This is drive-in worship, so we will be worshipping in our cars together!

Follow the directions from the ushers on where to park so that we can keep a safe distance from each other during worship. Tune in to worship on the radio station 90.5 FM! Studies suggest the virus travels by particles in our breath, and singing has been found to exponentially increase the number of particles and also increase the risk to our neighbor. To keep the risks down, keep windows next to a person singing up so that there is one inch or less of an opening. If no one is sitting next to a window (such as the back seat) then those windows can be fully open while singing.

We are blessed to be able to resume Holy Communion during this time! When you enter the parking lot, someone will be manning a table to hand out communion kits. The kits will have been assembled under sanitary conditions and the person handing them out will have gloves and a mask to minimize contact. Please let them know how many are in your car (cover your mouth to protect them, whether with a mask, cloth, or your hand), and hold onto the elements until communion, when you will receive instructions on how we will receive together.

An offering basket will be in place when you enter the parking lot, so let the person handing out communion know if you would like to drop yours off. To minimize contact, drop your offering into the basket rather than handing it to them.

We will have bulletins available at the same table as the communion elements. The whole service will be printed in the bulletin, so no need to worry about getting a hymnal. Please note that we plan on giving one bulletin for each vehicle. The bulletin will also be available on the website for you to either download onto a device, or print at home and bring to church.

As tempting as it may be to get out and catch up with others, please stay in your car. There is still so much unknown about this virus, but it is known that you can be infectious without having any symptoms. Because of this, we won't have any social gatherings such as coffee hour for the time being. We keep apart to keep each other safe. If we have inclement weather, please still come! Just keep your windows up to stay dry!

We look forward to getting to see you soon!

In Christ,

Our Savior's Church Council

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE**



**BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEK:** Please drop off donations at Nilssen's Grocery store in Ellsworth.

There is a large tub in the entryway marked Backpack Program.

Thank you for continuing to support this program.

### **These are the items that are most needed:**

LARGE (double size) cans of Tuna or Chicken -we need lots!

Bear Creek Soups (Chicken based if possible) but whatever works! (lighter than cans in the bags, and more servings from the packages ;)

Packages/Boxes of Instant Rice (like medium sz boxes)

Packages of Instant Mashed Potatoes (no flavors if possible, just basic mashed potatoes)

CREAMY Peanut Butter (18 oz)

Raisins (1 pound boxes)

Boxes of COLD Cereal (NON-sugary) Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, Cheerios)

Cans Brown Beans

Boxes Mac N Cheese

**\*The box for school supplies will be available through - Sunday, August 9th.**

### **School Supplies Needed:**

Durable folders with 2 pockets, Spiral Notebooks/Wide Rule

Crayola Crayons 24 box, Crayola Markers, washable, classic colors, wide tip, set of 10

Crayola colored pencils, 7" sharpened, set of 12, Elmers Glue Stick Washable, purple, dries clear .77ounces.

Elmers School Glue, washable, 4 ounces, white

Dixon Ticonderoga #2 Pencils, sharpened, Erasers, Papermate Pink Pearl, Large

Pencil Cap Erasers, 3 Ring Binder, 1"

Chisel tip Highlighters, any color

Backpack (large enough to fit 2 pocket folder)

Headphones or Earbuds

\*Donations of money will be used to purchase tennis shoes and other needed supplies.

### **Our Savior's Custodian Job Posting:**

Continuous Maintenance; Providing a clean, neat, orderly building, to be ready for any on-site ministries or activities scheduled.

Job description and Application forms are available on website or pick up from church office.

Deadline to apply: August 31, 2020. [www.oursaviorschurch.info](http://www.oursaviorschurch.info)

### **Library Notes**

If you are looking for new reading material, check out the church library. We have two books by Ellsworth's own Tasha Schuh to check out. The titles are [My Last Step Backward](#) and [My Next Move Forward](#). Both books about her life and faith as she lives a life of a quadriplegic.

## **THANK YOU**

**Custodian Resignation:** With great sadness, we have accepted the resignation of the Chisholm Family as Church Custodians. After 19 years of thoroughly cleaning and maintaining our building with great care and dedication, the Chisholm Family is hanging up the brooms and mops. We sincerely thank Jim, Paula & Family for all these many years of service and wish them the best.

A celebration in their honor is planned for September. Stay tuned for exact date.

Thank You! Ross & Kerry Christopherson for the New Fresh Coat of Paint on the Church Sign.  
It looks great!

# SUPPORT OUR MISSION WITH eGIVING

Consider making your contribution through our eGiving tools!  
You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations.

## Giving Made Easy

Make a one-time contribution or set up recurring gifts through our website's donations page.

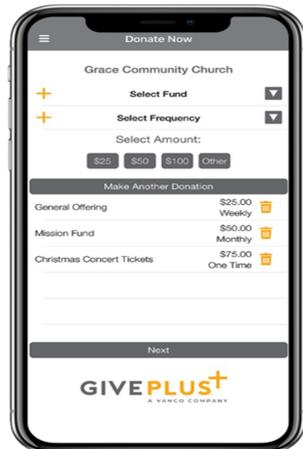
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church** offers giving from our Website, through the GivePlus mobile app, and by text.

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1. Visit Our Savior's Lutheran Church Website. [www.oursaviorschurch.info](http://www.oursaviorschurch.info)
2. Locate the give tab.
3. Donate!

**It only takes a minute to set up an account or give as a guest.  
We appreciate your generosity!**

**Give Anytime,  
Anywhere  
with Our  
GivePlus  
Mobile App**



## Use Our GivePlus Mobile App

1. Download the free GivePlus App from the App Store or Google Play
2. Find our church by zip code **54003**, or by searching our church name.
3. Donate!
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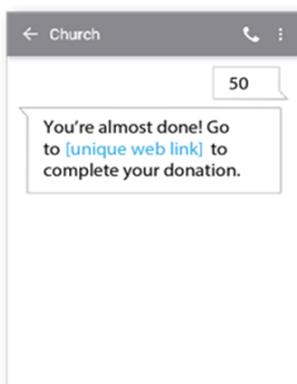
**Giving through our mobile app is easy and convenient.**

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## Text Your Donation

Giving by text is easy. Simply text your donation amount to **833-506-0632** and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your gift.

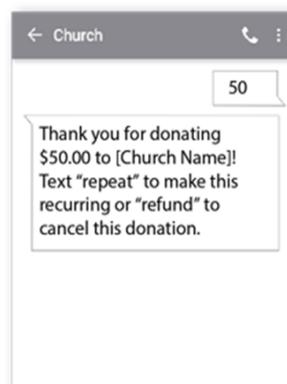
### 1. Get Started



### 2. Register

A registration form for card payment. It shows logos for VISA, Mastercard, DISCOVER, and American Express. Fields include 'Name Of Cardholder', 'Card number', 'MM/YY', and 'CV'. A yellow button at the bottom says 'Process \$10.00'.

### 3. Give



### 4. Repeat





# Luther Point

## BIBLE CAMP

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Thank you for being a partner in ministry with Luther Point Bible Camp. Our summer celebration is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we will rely on the income from it this year more than ever to continue doing great ministry.

*We are excited for the 32nd Annual Summer Celebration and Auction the week of August 2nd through the 9th*

We are putting an emphasis during this year's summer celebration on items at the heart of Luther Point's ministry that will assist us on opening our doors for summer 2021 when campers will be praising God on site again! Together we will thrive through this pandemic and continue to offer a beautiful place for people to come and encounter a very real and living God.

## Summer Celebration Online Auction is Coming

We have added more options to support Luther Point Bible Camp with the Summer Celebration online auction. You will be able to participate using your smart phone from where ever you are. Links for registration and viewing items will be coming soon; check Facebook and the webpage for the most up-to-date information. No smartphone, no problem give us a call.

### New this Year

#### Premier Prize Drawing

For every **\$50** a person spends at Summer Celebration, auction items or donations, you will earn an entry into the drawing.

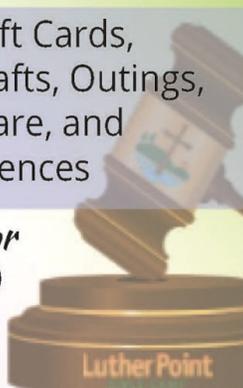
*Follow for prize details*

### Donations Needed

For the 32nd Annual Summer Celebration & Auction

Quilts, Gift Cards, Vacations, Crafts, Outings, Time Share, and Experiences

*Call or email for donations and inquiries*  
715.689.2347  
[info@lutherpoint.org](mailto:info@lutherpoint.org)



# Schedule of Events

Sun, Aug 2	Mon, Aug 3	Tue, Aug 4	Wed, Aug 5
10am Viewing opens	6pm Camp Stories	6pm Road to Summer Celebration	6pm Auction Check-in
1pm Family Scavenger Hunt			
2pm Opening Worship			
Worship live streamed			
Tie-Dying After Worship			
<i>Engage online with Facebook, YouTube, &amp; Instagram</i>			
Thu, Aug 6	Fri, Aug 7	Sat, Aug 8	Sun, Aug 9
6:30pm Zoom bingo	6pm Campfire stories & songs	10:30am Garden box painting	3pm Worship
		12pm Lunch   Waterfront opens	4pm Auction Closing Winners announced
		12:30pm Bean Bag Tournament	
		6pm Online Auction update	

**\*Key**

In Person Events

Online Events

Registration will be taken for Garden Box painting, Zoom Bingo, and Bean Bag Tournament. Links can be found on the website, FB or <https://lpbc.breezechms.com/form/706c14>

**Auction viewing will be open from 10-7 on Aug 2,3,7,8; 10-3 Aug 9**

**Auction will close on Sunday, August 9th @4pm**

**Premium prize drawing will happen following the auction close livestream on FB.**



# August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> <b>Gods Work Our Hands</b> <b>9am</b> online Worship <b>9am</b> Drive-In Worship Mission Trip Blessing	3	<b>4</b> 7pm Council Meeting	5	6	7	<b>8</b> Mission Trip Participants return home
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             Patricia will be on the Mission Trip August 2-8th           </div>						
<b>9</b> <b>9am</b> Online Worship <b>9am</b> Drive-In Worship Mission Trip experience Young/Melius Baptism	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>16</b> <b>9am</b> online Worship <b>9am</b> Drive-In Worship <b>Confirmation Sunday</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>23</b> <b>9am</b> online Worship <b>9am</b> Drive-In Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>30</b> <b>9am</b> online Worship <b>9am</b> Drive-In Worship	31					

**Our Savior's Worship Options**  
 9am Drive-In Worship (radio station 90.5)  
 9am Virtual Online Worship



### In Need of Prayer!

Paula Chisholm, Judie Goodwin, Mark Kiefer, Norris Berg, Mason Lee, Bob Furan, Larry Shefveld, Tom Dachel, Betty Winger, Tom Springette, Gary Johnson, Gerald Place, Anna Walentowski, Betty Davidson, Alan Nelson, Zachery Caterer, and Kristen Anderson.

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

**2020 Atrium Post Acute Care & Preferred Living  
combined Schedule for Our Savior's**

<b>Wednesday September 9th</b> 1:30pm Preferred Living 2:30pm Atrium Senior Living	<b>Wednesday December 9th</b> 1:30pm Preferred Living 2:30pm Atrium Senior Living
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**New Church Emails:**

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