

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

When we have been raised to see the world in a particular way, it can be very challenging when something comes along to upset that way of seeing the world. It's especially challenging when it comes to matters of our faith, and the way our faith was formed over the years. In the past few decades, many of us have been challenged by the wider and wider acceptance of the LGBTQIA* community, and what it means for us as a church that wants to believe we are welcoming to all.

Many of us were raised to believe that being gay is a sin, and quite reasonably feel the world has gone the wrong way by leaving that belief behind. But a remarkable thing often happens to this belief when we are directly confronted by someone we love and are close to coming out as LGBTQIA. This belief in the depravity, sinfulness, and wrongness of being gay has to come to terms with a whole, real person who we know to be good, kind, helpful, even Godly. How do we square these two things?

I think it's helpful, in our pursuit of justice, to realize that each person in the LGBTQIA community is also a full person, just like our nearest and dearest loved ones. And each one of them is created in the image of God—"let us make humankind in our image"—and that as Christians we are called to honor that image of God in all people. To be a truly welcoming church, even if we will never stop believing it to be a sin, we must prioritize honoring the image of God in all people, including those who identify as LGBTQIA.

And that starts with curiosity. If these people are not the depraved monsters dominated by sin that dwell in our imaginations, then how do they serve God as well? How can we understand the scriptural passages that seem to condemn them specifically? How do we approach them in love, and what does that love look like? A great starting place would be to read the book *God and the Gay Christian* by Matthew Vines. It would also mean talking with people who identify as LGBTQIA, and seeing how they understand their identity in light of their faith. Understanding is the beginning of empathy, and that is where we can discover what the love God calls us to show others actually looks like.

For more information on how we are called to enact justice through our Synod, check out the website at nswi.org, and look at the "Social Justice & Advocacy" tab on the right. We are committed to doing justice—*mishpat*, *tsedekah*, and *shalom*—so that the image of God in all people will be honored by us.

In Christ,
Pastor Lucas

*LGBTQIA is an acronym of identities: *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual*.

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 15, September 12, October 17, November 14, December 19

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



Get Ready For The Pierce County Fair - A WEEK AND A HALF AWAY. The Shift chairs have received their workers tickets and are trying to track you down to exchange a ticket for \$3. We are continuing to raise money for hamburger. Write your check to the MIM and leave it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Every dollar raised for hamburger generates at least \$3 to outreach ministries.

Pie Makers - Start at 6:00am every morning, Wednesday Aug. 11th through Saturday, August 14th. Help keep the tradition of our World Famous Our Savior's pies going!

Soup Makers - Start at 5:00pm Wednesday evening. Chopping and dicing vegetables. Cooling the finished product; our traditional Vegetable Beef Soup. The soup goes out to the food stand Wednesday evening. Thank you to all who volunteered to work a shift. I know in the past, many of you have stepped in to do more during the busy times. If you can find the time to help out on additional shifts, if only for a couple of hours, know that it is deeply appreciated. During earlier events this summer, the crowds have been impressive. If the weather cooperates, expect lots of people. Thanks to the shift chairs, the handymen, and the grill filter cleaner. We're all in this together. Let's have some FUN! Clair Severson, and Brian Johnson



Ladies who graduated from Ellsworth Senior High School in 1971 or prior are invited to attend a Reunionettes gathering hosted by the EHS Class of '67 on Thursday, August, 26, at noon at The Ridgetop – W10516 US HWY 10 – Prescott, WI. The cost of attending this event is \$15 which includes a noon lunch followed by entertainment, prizes, and socializing. RSVP no later than August 19th by contacting Karen Cernohous at tomcernohous@centurylink.net 715-262-5504 or Joyce Engnes at jengnes@att.net 715-307-3935.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Softball Tournament: August 1st at 1pm and August 8th at 1pm. The games will be split-up over two Sundays. 5 games each Sunday.

Ball Field out-door Worship/Potluck: We will have the outdoor 10am Worship Service at the ball field with a potluck on the Sunday August 1st. Jarod Young is bringing pulled pork, Ann & Terry Young will be bringing the buns and Donna Constant will make Coleslaw.



Luther Point Bible Camp 33rd Summer Celebration & Auction: August 8th, 2021 11:00am Lunch, silent Auction, Auction Viewing, Canteen Open, Waterfront Open, Lawn Games, 12:30pm Opening Worship, 1:00pm Live Auction, Kid Friendly Activities. Auction will be live streamed-participants from home or in person

Out-Door Worship Service: Every Wednesday night at 6pm. All are invited! Bring a lawn chair. These worship services will run until the week of September 2nd the week prior to Labor Day. **No Wednesday Worship** on August 11th, 18th, and 25th.



Gods Works Our Hands Fall Brainstorming: We are inviting everyone to join us for a brainstorming meeting for the Fall GWOH day of service projects. The brainstorming meeting date hasn't been determined yet, so watch emails for a date and time. Mark Your Calendars! The project day will be on Sunday September 12th, 2020. Any questions or suggestions please contact the Evangelism Committee – Heather Johnson, Pauline Laughnan, or Sharon Peterson.

OUR SAVIORS'S FOOD STAND SCHEDULE

2021 REVISED FAIR SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2021

THURSDAY'S HANDYMAN: CHUCK CHRISTOPHERSON

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

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| Chairperson: | Jim Chisholm - 715-307-1059 | |
| Cashier: | Marion Erlandson | |
| Pie: | Sandy Ruikka | |
| Fry: | Steve Straub | |
| Workers: | | |
| Mary, Ruby Claire Straub | | Trinity Wilkins |
| Jordyn Frandson | Ada/Hadley/Kate | |
| Leah Frandson | Payton & Shelby Lawler | |
| Jim - Michael Chisholm | Josh Erlandson | Gene/Darlene Ostendorf |

2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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| Chairperson: | Audrey Severson 715-273-5019 | |
| Cashier: | Norma Taplin | |
| Pie: | Kay Baker | |
| Fry: | Clair Severson Lemoine Baker | Kyle/Emily Langer |
| Workers: | | |
| Sharon & Karissa Seibel | Mike Allyn Family | Kayla & Tanner Christopherson |
| John & Ariane Halverson +2 | Katie Feuerhelm Family | Ryan & Shari Schnell |
| Bill Bowen | | |

7:00 pm to Closing

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| Chairperson | Lori Coulson 715-273-3580 | Mary Halls 715-273-3592 |
| Cashier | Norris Berg | |
| Pie: | Kay Berg | |
| Fry: | Brad Taplin - Brock Schulte | |
| Workers: | | |
| John - Jackie Schroeder | Barry - Becky Johnson | Gayle Knight - Luke, Alex |
| Shelly Schulte | Olivia Gavic | Kris - Rich Lechler |
| Todd- Connie Girdeen Family | Dan & Nadalie Place | |
| Sue Peterson | Holly Johnson | Janelle Rasmussen |
| Connor & Courtney Johnson | Beulah Gutting | Jerry Halls |

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2021

FRIDAY'S HANDY MAN: Ross Christopherson

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

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| Chairperson: | Bruce and Lanette Place - | |
| Cashier: | Pastor Lucas | |
| Pie: | Patricia Peterson | |
| Fry: | Bob Winger/Reed Oeltjin | |
| Workers: | | Mark & Julie Jensen |
| Isabelle Peterson | Eli Stockwell | |
| Stacy, Megan & Meredith Hanson | | |
| | Kerry Christopherson | |
| Jim/Michael Chisholm | | Tyler Schroeder |

2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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| Chairperson: | Bob-Sheryl Mercord | |
| Cashier: | Rhoda Foley | |
| Pie: | Peggy Hoyer | |
| Fry: | Jody Sather / Nate Winger | |
| Workers: | | Tricia & Jeremy Rouleau |
| Amy/Chance Dumond | | Gabe Frandsen |
| Autumn Earney | Dakota Pittman | Mel Murray Lucente |
| Julianna Winger & friend | Carla Radkey-Earner/Bob Earney | |
| Andi & Parker Peterson | Bridget Peterson | |

7:00 pm to Closing

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| Chairperson | Amy Parmeter | amy.parmeter@usbank.com |
| Cashier | Carron Parmeter | |
| Pie: | Shelly Lubich | |
| Fry: | Rick Lubich Matt Lubich | ? |
| Workers: | Megan Lubich | |
| Fred Parmeter | William & Carolyn O'Brien | |
| Sean & Leo Parmeter | Rachael Lubich | |
| Eric Kelly Gabbi Parmeter | Jozelyn O'Brien | |
| | Amanda Gonzalez | Brad Anita Johnson Family |

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2021**Saturday's Handyman:****9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

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| Chairperson: | Sharon Peterson 715-273-4255 | Megan Stockwell 715-821-6347 |
| Cashier: | | |
| Pie: | Jeanette Schade | |
| Fry: | Warren Schade /Darren C. | Mark Kiefer |
| Workers: | Julie Winger | |
| Shane Johnson | Renee Flynn | Dawn & Joe Minder & Family |
| Jacob Johnson | Donna Constant | Roger Christopherson Family |
| Lisa Lantz Flanary | Pam Hines | Rolf Halverson |
| Jody Sather | Lindsay Christopherson | Tim Redding Family |

2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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| Chairperson: | Megan Stockwell 715-821-6347 | |
| Cashier: | Norris Berg | |
| Pie: | | |
| Fry: | Larry Peterson / Ed Rohl | |
| Workers: | | |
| Crystal & Mark Raleigh | Abe - Gina Place | Hank Holdorf |
| Terry - Ann Young | Nadia Thurmes | |
| Megan - Guy Stockwell | George Rohl | |
| Amy Rohl | Jody Sather | |
| Isabelle Peterson | Eli Stockwell | |

7:00 pm to Closing

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| Chairperson | Need to fill spot! | |
| Cashier | Audrey Kiefer | |
| Pie: | | |
| Fry: | Tom Holdorf | |
| Workers: | | |
| Donald & Gabe Rosenberry | Jeff Nelson | Larry Young |
| Wayne/Bonnie Peterson | Melanie & Chuck Freier | Debbie & Ed Pittman |
| Lily Young | Jill & Don Rosenberry | |
| McKenna Minder | Leslie & Michael Young | |

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2021

SUNDAY'S HANDY MAN:

9:30 am to 2:00 pm

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| Chairperson: | Belinda Foley | |
| Cashier: | | Sandy/Terry Odalen |
| Pie: | | Sonja Yunker |
| Fry: | Brian Johnson | Karli Foley |
| Workers: | | Jenny Janke |
| Lurene Johnson | Kim & Travis Unser | Sue Palmquist |
| Dawn, Brian & Anthony Mads | Carl Hendrickson | Brad Baker |
| | Charlie Gilby | Linda Steele |
| Anne Chisholm | Ben & Michelle Johnson | Brett & Chase Unser |
| | | Donna Constant |

2:00 pm to CLOSING

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| Chairperson: | Pauline Laughnan 715-273-4942 | |
| Cashier: | Helen Anderson | |
| Pie: | | |
| Fry: | Tom Place/ Roger Laughnan | |
| Workers: | | Marlys Aspen |
| Clint Anderson | Mike Peterson | Rachel Mancuso |
| Dennis - Ann Kiefer | Nadia Thurmes | |
| Alison Laughnan | | Peter Falde |
| Erin Kirchner | | |

Algot Anderson to clean filters each morning.

There are members that will be coming in to work when they have a free moment so welcome them in when they come to help. Thanks for all the good help.

If something comes up and you can't make your shift, please call your chairperson or Clair Severson 715-821-3710. If you can help out during the fair at any other time feel free to stop in and see if they need your help. I'm sorry if we missed anyone that wanted to work. If you are not on the schedule and you want to be let Megan know 715-821-6347 or megankaystockwell@gmail.com.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING OUT AT THE FAIR & BEHIND THE SCENES AT CHURCH!!!

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Our Savior's Youth News ~ August 2021

Mission Trip 2021 – Luther Point Bible Camp

On Sunday July 18th after a year of fundraising and preparation, 9 youth and 2 adults headed to Luther Point Bible Camp in Grantsburg WI, to participate in our Mission Trip and dedicate the week and serving at the camp. It was a great week of seeing God work in our lives, watching everyone connect as a youth group and most importantly seeing them grow in their faith. We had the honor again this year to donate 2 quilts to Luther Point made by our quilting group.



What is a Labyrinth Maze?

It is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The Labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation and prayer tools.



Thank You to all! For your continued Support and Prayers through-out this past year, to help make this Mission Trip to Luther Point a meaningful experience. They not only came back home with a stronger faith, but a closer church community involvement.
Special Thanks to Jim Chisholm for joining us.

August

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 10am Worship @ Ball Field No livestream Worship Potluck Lunch 1pm Softball Tournament | 2 Altar Guilds: Sharon Peterson Mary Straub Money Counters: Jill Rosenberry | 3 7pm Council Meeting | 4 6pm Out-door worship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Patricia will be out of the Office July 30th —August 8th </div> | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour 1pm Softball Tournament | 9 | 10 | 11 6am Pie Making 5pm Soup Making No Outdoor Worship | 12 6am Pie Making | 13 6am Pie Making | 14 6am Pie Making |
| 15 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person Baptism (Sebion) 10am Fellowship Hour | 16 5pm MIM Meeting (Clean-up at church stand) | 17 | 18 No Outdoor Worship | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour | 23 5:15pm Worship Committee Meeting | 24 | 25 8:30am Quilting 6pm Confirmation Banquet No Outdoor Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Affirmation of Baptism 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Thank You To All Who SUPPORT OUR MISSION WITH eGIVING

If you don't currently consider making your contribution through our eGiving tools!
 You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers these eGiving tool:

- Visit Our Savior's Lutheran Church Website. www.oursaviorschurch.info, Locate the give tab, and Donate!
 - Simply text your donation amount to **833-506-0632** and follow the instructions.
 - Download the free GivePlus App on your phone. Find our church by zip code **54003**.



In Need of Prayer!

Eldon Schellfeffer, Norma Taplin, Priscilla Schoeneck, Norris Berg, Mary Jo Bjork, Herb Nelson, Scott Kiefer, Dave Radatz, Jim Hauschildt, Calvin Boe, Ron Mireau, Shirley Nickel, Lu Johnson, Nancy Hove, Della Larson, Mark Kiefer, Tom Dachel, Anna Walentowski, and Kristen Anderson.

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

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