

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

August 2022

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

In just a few days, we will be kicking off the Pierce County Fair—and you know what that means! So many of us volunteer our time and energy to make sure that there are burgers cooked, pies baked, orders taken, tables cleaned, dishes washed, and the hospitality of our congregation is shared with fair-goers, whoever they are and wherever they've come from. People come, year after year, knowing that our fair stand has the best burgers and the best pies and many people will look forward to it all year. We welcome new people, who have never been fed by our church, experiencing it for the first time too! Our fair stand has been an institution, a physical reminder of our stake in our community and the way we are called to serve others in Jesus' name. It's our presence in Ellsworth that reminds people that we are here, and we are here to share the love of Jesus with others.

We do our best work, as the Church, when we recognize why we are here and why we are a congregation set in a community. God calls on us to go and serve others! So we get together at our church building, and we worship, share communion, build up community—and then we go and serve. We do a good job of it too! It's not just our fair stand that brings people back who haven't even attended worship in quite some time; it's all our other ministries too.

It's our ballfield ministry, that calls together churches in the area to play a friendly game of softball and brings families together to share in fellowship. It's our God's Work Our Hands service Sundays, when we break out and serve our community as our act of worship. It's when we pack up sandwich lunches for Feed the Farmers in the spring planting and the fall harvest. It's the ministry of sharing warmth when we tie and sew quilts that will be sent to the global poor. It's how we invite others into our space and celebrate our tradition of the lutefisk supper. It's the mission trips we go on whether as far as Virginia or as close as River Falls. It's the way we are always ready to be generous, donating coats and mittens and boots for needy kids; donating canned goods, cereals, and a laundry list of other items to the food shelf for hungry families; donating time to local service organizations—in our generosity, we share the best of what Christ calls out in us.

When you take up your shift at the county fair this year—or when you attend it for yourself, for that matter remember how God is calling you to serve others. God is calling you, in your actions, to show others the love of Jesus, so much so that they will want to find out where that love comes from. God wants to make your life into a beacon of hope by showing others that in service, we build bridges, repair hurts, connect communities, and empower others through grace, mercy, and love. We do that every day and we can always find new ways to serve and love our neighbors.

Let's celebrate that service, and rejoice that we get the opportunity to let our lights shine before others, so that they will see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven!

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 14th, September 18th, October 16th,
November 13th, December 11th**

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

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2022

Call Meeting to Order: President Randy Winger at 7:08 PM

Attending: Sharon Seibel, Debbi Pittman, Randy Winger, Bob Winger, Lanette Place, Patricia Peterson, Donna Constant, Ann Young, Pastor Lucas

Absent: Gabe Feuerhelm, John Traun, Dan Place, Jill Rosenberry

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas read scripture from Romans, Galatians, and Acts. He introduced us to the book: *Waking Up White*, by Debbie Irving. Each council member was given a copy of the book, as it will be used for the next few months as a base for our opening devotional conversation.

New Business:

August Money Counters: Ann & Gabe August Devotions: Pastor Lucas

Livestream training for Council: All council members willing to learn, will be trained on operating the camera for livestreaming the worship service. We will rotate this duty monthly, same as money counters. Between the two members assigned to count offering, one will also need to operate camera each Sunday.

Area Ministry Strategy Conversation: Pastor Lucas reported on the meeting of five area Lutheran churches held here at Our Savior's last month. Members of English Lutheran, Svea, Bethlehem, Eidsvold, and Our Savior's attended this meeting facilitated by Rev. Erin Nelson, NW WI Synod Director for Evangelical Mission. It included productive introduction to reimagining what the shape of the ministry God is doing with and through us could look like.

Donald Rosenberry Seminary Support: Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Patricia to designate a minimum of \$2,000 toward Donald Rosenberry's seminary expenses. He will be attending Luther Seminary in St. Paul beginning fall 2022. M/C

AED Battery: Patricia reported that the AED device in the church has a dead battery. Replacement has been on back order since May. She has looked into several retailers, currently none have this battery in stock. After Donna advised that the ballpark AED has an extra battery, it was agreed we should use that and immediately order a second replacement.

Upcoming Events:

August 7, Ballpark Worship Service. Donna will coordinate the potluck lunch, while Worship Committee will organize the worship service.

August 11-14, Pierce County Fair. All were reminded to help out with preparations as able, and also to work a shift or two at the Fair.

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Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

Church building **office hours** for Pastor Lucas and Patricia will not be changing.

Donna reported on the successful **Tractor Pull** fundraiser, advising that we had 13 volunteers and have already received the \$1,000 check from FFA. The **Cheese Curd Festival** involved 4 volunteers yielding \$308.

Both of these fundraisers will be going to the Ballfield improvements. Thanks to all the helpers.

Secretary's Report: Lanette made a motion to accept the June 7, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes as submitted by Donna Constant, substitute Secretary. Bob seconded, M/C

Treasurer's Report: Debbi reported the following balances

\$73,452.53 Designated Account

\$74,053.59 Money Market

(\$ - 391.41) General Account

We have received the **pre-buy fuel** letter from Chippewa Valley with an order deadline of August 5, 2022, at a per gallon base price of \$1.9999. Donna made the motion, seconded by Bob to purchase 3,000 gallons. M/C

Lanette moved to accept Treasurer's report, seconded by Sharon, M/C.

Pastor's Report: Included June activities, meetings, and joining other churches in our synod to address race and racism. Complete report on file.

Youth Report: Patricia reported the upcoming Tri-Synod Youth Gathering, asking for our prayers, and advising that on Sunday - July 31 the youth will share some of their experiences, and also host the coffee hour. She also shared with us her accounting of each individual's fundraising status. Complete report on file. Council approved the motion made by Donna, seconded by Bob to reimburse the chaperones for mileage at 55 cents/mile as they will be using their own vehicles for ValleyFair transportation. Ann made motion to accept the youth report, Debbi seconded, M/C.

Committee Reports: Lanette reported on a meeting attended by active education committee members, Pastor Lucas, Patricia, and Synod Deacon Laura Ramlow. Conversation included best practices, ideas, and brainstorming around Sunday School and how that might look in the future. Pastor Lucas reminded committee liaisons he likes to be informed when committees are meeting and what transpires. He wants to attend when possible.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Donna to adjourn at 8:25PM. M/C

Closing: Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: August 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Lanette Place

FUNERAL FUND

Death is never a pleasant thing. It's not something we enjoy talking about, and sometimes it's a thing we don't even want to think about. But there are times when death will visit our family at unexpected times, and that pain is made worse when life circumstances make it hard for us to honor our loved ones with the kind of funeral we want them to have. Our congregation has been blessed to have a generous family who want to make sure no family will feel the ache of not having the financial resources to honor their loved one the way they hope. If you find yourself in these circumstances, or know a member who is, please contact the office.

Men In Mission Meeting- July 16, 2022

After breakfast served by Gene Ostendorf and Donna Constant, Acting president Tim Wiff called the meeting to order.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Clair reported that after forwarding \$1263 to Luther Point, we have \$3727 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund. As of this date, we have \$2173 in the fair stand fund along with \$3047 that has been raised for the hamburger fund. We have \$2738 dollars in the general fund. The softball league has been assessed their annual \$1600 fee but we have not received it as of yet.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Our old fair stand water heater went kaput during the FFA tractor pull. Mike Rehbein sold us his new water heater for \$150. We paid for it from the \$150 donation we got from the FFA for using our stand. It was installed by Mike R., Bill B. and Clair.

Clair suggested that the expenses Donna has paid for the ballpark up keep should be reimbursed to her by the MIM. She has not submitted a bill yet.

There is agreement that the church council will pay for all cooler repairs when needed.

New Business:

Donna mentioned that the youth fundraisers coming up, the Motocross on July 22nd and the Beldenville Old Car Show on July 24th need volunteers to help with the events.

The Softball Tournament is scheduled for 7/31 and 8/7 with an outdoor service before the first Sunday, 7/31.

Concession sales have been huge this summer with some nights well over \$200.

THE MIM WILL MEET AT THE FAIR STAND AT 5:30 ON THE MONDAY AFTER THE FAIR, AUG. 15TH FOR CLEANUP.

We were very pleased to have new members, Ron Halverson and Mike Rehbein with us.

MIM will serve coffee on Aug. 21st.

The next MIM meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 17th at 8:00 AM. Brian J. and ??? will be serving. Motion to adjourn by Brian J./Chuck C. 11 members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Constant.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **August** we will be collecting **Birthday bags, ramen noodles, Peanut butter, cream of mushroom soup, canned Chili, canned green beans, hamburger helper, and dish soap.**

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern.

WANTED:

Fellowship Hour Hosts



Have a special occasion to celebrate? birthday, anniversary, recognition or achievement event; or possibly a fundraiser.

We're looking for members to host the Sunday morning coffee hour following worship services.

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Or you may call the church office to reserve your date.

Many dates are routinely booked, but we can always shuffle them around to accommodate.

Please consider signing up.



Lutheran World Relief are in need of quilts and baby care kits.

We will be sending all the completed quilts and kits soon. For the baby care kits we are in need of jackets with a hood or else sweater/sweatshirt and a cap, sleepers, t-shirts, socks, hand towels (dark colors), cloth diapers.

All clothes should be size 6 months to 24 months. Each kit needs two bars of Ivory soap also. All donations can be put in the basement in the quilt room or on tables by the library. Thank You

Summertime and the giving is easy

Visit our website to set up recurring contributions.



eGiving Options

We offer convenient eGiving options that help you make donations on a one-time or recurring basis, including texting your donation to 833-506-0632 then following the instructions on your phone, or online at oursaviorschurch.info under the "give" tab.

We highly recommend this method of giving for anyone who wishes to support the church. We also welcome mailing or bringing your donation to the church.

Thank you for your generosity from all of us at Our Savior's!

2022 Ellsworth Health & Preferred Living combined Schedule for Our Savior's

Wednesday August 10th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living

2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

Wednesday October 26th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living

2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

Wednesday December 28th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living

2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

NEW TWO DAY EVENT



SUMMER CELEBRATION AND AUCTION
AUGUST 6 & 7, 2022

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

- 4PM WATERFRONT/SWIMMING OPEN
- 6PM COMMUNITY & FRIENDS BBQ
- 6PM .5K FUNDRAISER
- 6:30 CHAPEL QUEST (ONE OF OUR MOST POPULAR GAMES)
- 7:30 ALUMNI-LED CAMPFIRE

SUNDAY

- 8-9AM BREAKFAST
- 9:15 5K
- 11AM CANOE FLOTILLA
- 11:30 WORSHIP
- 12PM LUNCH
- 1PM AUCTION

EVERYONE IS INVITED
TO TAKE PART IN
LUTHER POINT'S
SUMMER
CELEBRATION

FREE LODGING WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A
FIRST COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS. BY
FILLING OUT THE REQUEST FORM.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN WILL BE
GIVEN PREFERENCE FOR THE FAMILY CABINS
AND RETREAT CENTER.



CANOE
FLOTILLA
SIGN UP



LODGING
REQUEST
FORM

GOD'S WORK ~ OUR HANDS



It's that time of year again- time to prepare for our fall GWOH Day of Service. Since it falls exactly on 9/11 this year, we will be focusing our efforts on the following organizations: law enforcement, fire department, Healthcare providers, EMS/EMT, mail carriers and veterans organizations. We ask each church committee to think of and take on a service project for that day. You don't have to be on a church committee to help with or lead a project... just contact the Evangelism Committee. And don't be surprised if WE contact YOU... after all, many hands make light work! □ High schoolers: these are service hours that count toward your graduation! Watch the website, bulletin, and Facebook page for the date & time of an organizational meeting we'll be having in August.

ALL ARE WELCOME, and appreciated! Thanks in advance! Your Evangelism Committee,
Heather Johnson, Pauline Laughnan, & Sharon Peterson

2022 Pierce County Fair
Our Saviors Lutheran Church Food Stand

Hello Members of Our Saviors

The 2022 Pierce County Fair is fast approaching. 2022 PC Fair is Aug. 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th. We would like to thank each and every one of you for your time and talent working at the fair stand. As most of you know our fair stand is the biggest monetary contributor to outreach ministries for our church. This would not be possible without your help. We are so very thankful for each and everyone of you who help out throughout the fair, whether it be with soup making, pie making, handymen, cleaning the fair stand, being a chairperson for a shift, working a shift or two during the fair and all of our other behind the scenes people, YOU are appreciated!

The initial 2022 worker's schedule appears here in the July newsletter and it will be posted in the church kitchen as well. This will be the start of the 2022 fair schedule that will be updated as changes are made. Megan has obtained confirmation of all shift chairpersons. **The chairpersons will be making calls to workers on their shifts to verify if they are available to work. Megan and I will try and fill the gaps. (MORE HANDS MAKE LESS WORK FOR ALL). WORKER TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR.** The process has become too complicated for the shift chairs and I am forced to guess how many tickets we will need before knowing the exact amount. Unused tickets cannot be returned. Adult tickets are regularly priced at \$5. Seniors get \$3 tickets on Friday. If this is a problem for anyone, please let me know and I will refund you \$2 out of the till. Keep in mind that it is ok to come in late or leave early if the need arises. Also, if you are unable to work the shift you worked in the past and want to work another shift please let us know. You can also work more than 1 shift which would be great. **The Friday & Saturday afternoon and evening shifts are always a struggle to fill.** If you know of church members who are not on the schedule and want to work, please contact Megan Stockwell Cell: 715-821-6347 or Clair Severson Cell: 715-821-3710.

Soup making will take place on Wed. Aug. 10th starting @ 5:00pm. Please stay to help in the cooling process. Once the soup is cooled it is delivered to the fair stand cooler. Soup making contacts are:

Brian Johnson 715-307-0074 & Clair Severson 715-273-5019 or cell:715-821-3710

Pie Making & Baking will take place Wed. Aug. 10th, Thur. 11th, Fri. 12th, Sat. 13th starting at 6:00 AM. Some start at 5:30 though and that's ok too. I have to say Pie Making is a unique process. I'm amazed at the amount of pies that are made each day. Pie making contacts are:

Rhoda Foley 715-273-4865 & Sharon Peterson 715-821-8676

Thanks again in advance for your help with the 2022 Pierce County Fair - Our Saviors Food Stand.

Best Regards,

Clair Severson: Home 715-273-5019 Cell 715-821-3710 cfseverson@gmail.com

Brian Johnson: Cell 715-307-0074 lutafiskone@yahoo.com

Scheduling Coordinator Megan Stockwell Cell 715-821-6347 megankaystockwell@gmail.com



Attention all Soup Makers and Veggie Choppers

The Soup Committee needs you!

The 2022 Pierce County Fair is Fast Approaching!

More hands make less work for all!

STARTING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH AT 5:00 P.M.

Your help would be greatly appreciated with the soup making and packaging process. Please stick around for the cooling process. Once the soup is cooled it is transported to the cooler at the Fairstand.

If you have any questions contact:

Clair Severson @ 715-273-5019/cell 715-821-3710

Brian Johnson @ 715-307-0074



Calling all PIE MAKERS & EARLY BIRDS!

**THE 2022
PIERCE COUNTY FAIR
IS FAST APPROACHING!**

**Starting Wed, Aug 10 - Sat, Aug 13
Every morning at 6 a.m.**

**YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED
WITH MAKING PIES FOR THE FAIR STAND!**

**Pies will be made each morning on Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday and Saturday.**

If you have any Questions Contact:

**Rhoda Foley @ 715-273-4865 or Sharon Peterson @
715-821-8676**

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Sharon Peterson Mary Straub Money Counters: Ann Young Gabe Feuerhelm	1	2 7pm Council Meeting	3	4	5	6 4-8pm Luther Point Summer Celebration
7 10am Ball field Worship No Livestream 11am Potluck Lunch 12pm Softball Tournament 8am-2pm Luther Point Summer Celebration	8	9	10 6am Pie making 1:30pm Preferred Senior Living 2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services 5pm Soup making	11 6am Pie making	12 6am Pie making	13 6am Pie making
14 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Pierce County Fair	15 5:30pm MIM Meeting (Clean-up at Church stand)	16	17	18	19 7:30pm Family Out-Door Movie Night At the ballfield	20
21 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 11:45am Ecumenical Worship Service in El Paso	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	29	30	31 8:30am Quilting			

2022 Pierce County Fair

August 2022						Communion	Assist.
Date	Greeter/Usher	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Server	Minister
August 7 10:00am	Patricia/Casey Peterson Family	Ballfield	Ballfield	Larry Peterson	Ballfield	Sharon Peterson	Tom Holdorf
August 14 9:00 am	Mary Halls	Lundstroms	Matthew L.	Mary Halls	Roger Laughnan	Mary Halls	Lanette Place
August 21 9:00 am					Roger Laughnan		Ann Young
August 28 9:00 am		Lundstroms	Matthew L.		Roger Laughnan		Rhoda Foley

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 the church office. Instructions for each ministry position are posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Rhoda Foley at 273-4865.

In Need of Prayer!

Curt Wandmacher, Bruce Place, Ann Leonard, Kevin Johnson, Elise Foley, Kimber Hause, Ian Peterson, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.

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

The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

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