

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

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

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Dear siblings in Christ,

This summer, we've been hearing about the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These Genesis stories are some of the best known and most readily remembered stories in the Bible for many of us. But the thing that always strikes me is how incredibly honest they are! Here we have the founders of a nation, the paragons who were the first to walk with God, and scripture is full of their mistakes and foibles and sins.

It's so remarkable because most of the time, nations will try to clean up everything about their founders. The origin stories of China have these impossibly wise, impossibly virtuous leaders who bestowed prosperity and stability on the nation. The origin stories of almost every European country has a king (or queen) who is now a saint. In our own history, we tend to dress up the Founding Fathers as paragons of wisdom with impossible foresight to craft a country like no other. And every origin story I have ever read about does the same thing—it works hard to present the first leaders of a nation as ideals that everyone should imitate. But then we have the origin story in Genesis, and the shockingly honest portrayals of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The Bible doesn't shy away from sharing with us that Abraham lied and cheated and hurt people with his mistakes and misunderstandings. It doesn't back down from the way Isaac and Rebekah chose favorites and put their sons at odds with each other. It doesn't try to mask how nakedly ambitious and deceitful Jacob was, or how his own favoritism caused rifts in his family to the point that one of his sons was sold into slavery by his other sons.

But at the same time, it shows us incredibly faithful people. Abraham keeps trying to follow God, listening to that hope and promise and never letting go of it. Isaac leans on God who orchestrates his meeting with the love of his life, and gives him sons who would carry on his name and his blessing. And Jacob grows into the man who would throw his whole hope on God, wrestling with God through the night to get a blessing.

The thing is, people have always been people. And more than anything, the Bible lets us know that the patriarchs were people, with faithfulness and kindness and loyalty, but also with jealousy and greed and conniving. Ironically, I think that makes them even better role models than our own cleaned-up images of our nation's founders. Because when we set up an ideal, we can never attain it. We can never be as good, or wise, or prescient as those idealized founders. But we can be like Abraham, or Isaac, or Jacob. We can be filled with foibles, but still try to be faithful. We can still make mistakes even as we serve God.

Because at the end of the day, that's the kind of people that God works with. God works with people who are misguided and loyal. God works with people who are faithful and unsure. God works with people who don't get it right, but get up each day and try. God is faithful, and that is so much more important than anything we can do. So let's take the honesty of scripture as God's invitation to be who we are, and not get caught up in the times we fall short of some ideal.

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 13th, September 17th, October 15th

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

office.osbeldenville@gmail.com, 715-273-4570



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

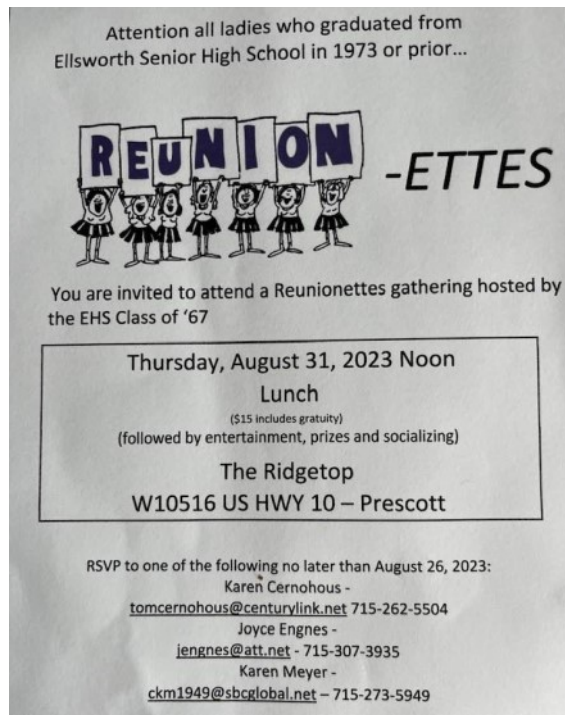
For the month of **August** we will be collecting; **Cream Soups, Instant Mash Potatoes, and Sugary Cereal.** Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church.

Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations are accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations can be made @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.

2023 Preferred Living & Ellsworth Health Services combined Schedule for Our Savior's

Wednesday August 23rd
1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

Wednesday November 15th
1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services



Fun Facts about your Church Committees:

Did you know that there are 16 different committees with 56 committee members sharing their talents? Each year members rotate off their committees after serving a 3 year term or in some cases accept a 2nd term. For the next few months we will share information on the various committees roles so that you may find a committee that you would like to serve on in the future.

This month's featured committees are:

Congregation council member - this committee has general oversight of the life and activities of Our Saviors, with special focus on its worship life to ensure that everything is done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Stewardship Committee - encourage preaching, teaching and celebrating generosity in the life of the church. Ensure emphasis on some aspect of stewardship quarterly. Personalize giving so members can see and pray for what their gifts are doing.



In Need of Prayer!

Elise Foley, Fred Hoyer, Dan Schmalstig, Mike Dahl, Dean Mewes, John Paape, Wayne Peterson, Ann Leonard, 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.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

Look for these new or gently used items to donate for the Baby Care Kits.

BABY CARE KIT ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Include the following items in each Baby Care Kit:



35th Annual Summer Celebration and Auction

Come and Support the Many Ministries at Luther Point Bible Camp!

Schedule

Saturday, August 5

4 p.m. Waterfront/Swimming Open
6 p.m. Community & Friend's BBQ
6:30 p.m. Chapel Quest
7:00 p.m. Tie Dye
7:30 p.m. Campfire

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.

Come for the day or enjoy the whole weekend at Luther Point Bible Camp!

Sunday, August 6

8-9 a.m. Breakfast
11 a.m. Auction Preview Open
11:30 a.m. Worship
12 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Live Auction

Reserve your lodging today:
www.LutherPoint.org

August 5 & 6, 2023



News from the Sunshine Crew:

Kathy Young and Kay Berg have stepped up to join the Sunshine Crew. We are so grateful to both of these stewards for joining us in this rewarding out-reach ministry, and we would gladly welcome more helpers. Our aim is to spread Jesus love through hospitality: calls, greeting cards, visits, food, flowers, prayers, and more. Please contact the church office if you know of anyone in need of a little cheer.

Support Our Mission with Online Giving

This Summer consider making your gifts using our eGiving tools. Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers online: www.oursaviorschurch.info "give" tab, utilizing the QR code, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.



THANK YOU

FFA Tractor Pull: They issued Our Savior's a check for \$ 1,250.00. Awesome Job everyone!

The money will help us cover the cost for the fuel fund. We appreciate everyone that put in their time and energy to help, especially with the rain and having to go back two days to get the job done. This is a great way to help Our Savior's get more involved with the community, and the FFA. The money the FFA raises goes to scholarships to help Future Farmers of America. Huge thanks to everyone that helped make this happen and hopefully you will be willing to do this again next year. Thanks, Donna Constant

Cheese Curd Fest: A huge thanks to all that put in time to work at The Cheese Curd Festival. We received a check today in the amount of \$645.00 to put towards the fuel bill. Thank you everyone for your time - this all helps make a huge difference. When we can cover our bills this way - it leaves more for outreach. This is awesome!



Attention all Soup Makers and Veggie Choppers

The Soup Committee needs you!

The 2023 Pierce County Fair is Fast Approaching!

More hands make less work for all!

STARTING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH 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

Mike Rehbein @ 651-592-8158



Calling all PIE MAKERS & EARLY BIRDS!

**THE 2023
PIERCE COUNTY FAIR
IS FAST APPROACHING!**

Starting Wed, Aug 9 - Sat, Aug 12
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**

2023 Pierce County Fair: August 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Food Stand

Why we have our fair stand: Outreach ministries for our church.

Last year the fair stand generated \$17,100 for Outreach Ministries.

General admission remains at \$5 and Senior Citizens admission on Friday is \$2.

A special thanks to all who have donated so far to the Hamburger Fund. This goes a long way to help reduce our expenses and thereby increase our revenue.

2023 WORKER'S LIST

The most current worker's list appears here. It was generated from the final 2022 Worker's List with changes and additions that I have received so far. If you were unable to work last year, I assumed that you may be available this year so your name reappears on the list. If you were not on the workers' schedule last year but are willing to help, please call me. **NOTE: Thursday & Friday afternoon and Saturday evening shifts are always a struggle to fill.** Keep in mind that it is OK to come late or leave early if the need arises. A special THANK YOU to those of you who volunteer to work more than their one shift.

Eventually, the chairpersons will be making calls to workers on their shifts to verify if they are available to work.

If you are unable to work the shift you worked in the past and want to work a different shift, please let Clair know at 715-273-5019 or 715-821-3710.

SOUP MAKING: Wed. Aug. 9th starting at 5:00 p.m. Please stay to help with the cooling process.

We were short on help last year! Soup making contacts are:

Clair Severson 715-273-5019 or cell:715-821-3710 & Mike Rehbein 651-592-8158

PIE MAKING & BAKING: Wed. Aug. 9th, Thur. 10th, Fri. 11th, and Sat. 12th starting at 6:00 a.m.

Pie making contacts are:

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

NOTE ON AIR QUALITY: It was reported last year that the filters in the vent above the grill never needed cleaning. After extensive testing we have found that when the fan in the ceiling behind the grill is on, none of the grease filled smoke from the grill exits through the vent above. It is spread throughout the stand. So, our air quality is improved if we keep the ceiling fan off.

Thanks again in advance for your help with the 2023 Pierce County Fair Our Savior's Food Stand.

Best Regards,

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

Mike Rehbein, Co-chair: Cell 651-592-8158 rotorwash@mac.com

OUR SAVIORS'S FOOD STAND SCHEDULE

2023 SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 10, 2023

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Chairperson:	Jim Chisholm - 715-307-1059	james.chisholm@metrotransit.org
Cashier:	Sandy Ruikka	
Pie:	Kay Berg	
Fry:	Steve Straub	
Workers:	Mike Rehbein	Chase Unser
Mary, Ruby Claire Straub	Dawn Madsen	Paula Chisholm
Jordyn Frandson	Ada/Hadley/Kate	
Leah Frandson	Payton & Shelby Lawler	
Michael Chisholm	Josh Erlandson	

2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Chairperson:	Audrey Severson 715-273-5019	apseverson@gmail.com
Cashier:	Kay Berg	
Pie:	Sharon Seibel	
Fry:	Mike Allyn - Bill Bowen	
Workers:	Karissa Seibel	Mike Rehbein
Joe Seibel	Katie Allyn Family	Clair Severson
John & Ariane Halverson	Katie Feuerhelm Family	
Debbie & Ed Pittman		

6:30 pm to Closing

Chairperson	Lori Coulson 715-273-3580	Mary Halls 715-273-3592 mhalls59@gmail.com
Cashier	Kris Lechler	
Pie:	Donna Constant	
Fry:	Brad Taplin - Brock Schulte	
Workers:	Jerry Halls	
Gayle Knight & family	Barry - Becky Johnson	
Shelly Schulte	Olivia Gavic	
Todd- Connie Girdeen Family	Dan & Nadalie Place	
Desirae Peterson	Holly Johnson	Janelle Rasmussen
Connor & Courtney Johnson	Beulah Gutting	Mike Rehbein

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2023

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Chairperson:	Bruce & Lanette Place	no1place@yahoo.com 651-800-5461
Cashier:	Sue Peterson	
Pie:	Julie Jensen	
Fry:	Bob Winger/Mark Jensen	
Workers:	Pastor Lucas	
Jill & Dave Jordahl	Eli Stockwell	
Brenda Winger	Jodi & Tim Wiff	Julie Henthorne
Kerry & Ross Christopherson	Gabe Rosenberry	Mishon Johnson
Emily & Kyle Langer	Christi Edin & Sophie	

2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Chairperson:	Bob-Sheryl Mercord	sbmercord@gmail.com 715-307-4671
Cashier:	Rhoda Foley	
Pie:	Peggy Hoyer	
Fry:	Nate Winger/Gabe Frandsen	
Workers:		
Amy/Chance Dumond family	Patricia Peterson	
Carla Radkey-Earney	Kay Berg	
Julianna Winger	Brian Johnson	
Autumn Earney	Bridget Peterson	
Clair Severson	Andi & Parker Peterson	

6:30 pm to Closing

Chairperson	Amy Parmeter 715-338-4341	parmeter3@gmail.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	Mike Rehbein
Brad & Anita Johnson family	Amanda Gonzalez	

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2023

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Chairperson:	Heather Johnson 715-821-3039	heatherstrandjohnson@yahoo.com
Cashier:		
Pie:	Rose Christopherson	
Fry:	Warren Schade/ Scott Kiefer	
Workers:		
Jake/Shane Johnson	Renee Flynn & Brody	
Lily Young	Dawn Minder & Family	
Roger Christopherson	Pam Hines	
Mark Kiefer	Darren & Lindsay Christopherson	
Julie Winger	Nora Christopherson	

2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Chairperson:	Megan Stockwell 715-821-6347	megankaystockwell@gmail.com
Cashier:	Kathy Young	
Pie:	Ann Young	
Fry:	Larry Peterson/ Ed Rohl	
Workers:	Terry Young	
Crystal & Mark Raleigh	Abe & Gina Place	
Wes & Dustyn Raleigh	Nadia Thurmes	
Guy Stockwell & Eli	Cory & Renee Johnson	
Amy Rohl & George	Kendra Kinneman	
Isabelle Peterson	Ron & Darlene Halverson	

6:30 pm to Closing

Chairperson	Clair Severson 715-821-3710	cfseverson@gmail.com
Cashier		
Pie:	Audrey Severson	
Fry:	Tom Holdorf - Randy Winger	
Workers:		
Don & Jill Rosenberry	Jeff Nelson	
Donald Rosenberry	Melanie & Chuck Freier	
Chad Young	Leslie & Michael Young—Trinity	
Rolf Halverson	Julie & Dermott Norman	

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2023

9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Chairperson:	Belinda Foley 715-273-5933	belindafoley14@gmail.com
Cashier:		
Pie:		
Fry:	Brian Johnson/Brad Baker	
Workers:		
Cassie Forster	Carl Hendrickson	Paula & Jim Chisholm
Ben & Michelle Johnson	Jenny & Abe Jahnke - Karli	Michael & Anne Chisholm
Linda Steele	Dave Raddatz	
Sue Palmquist		

2:00 pm to CLOSING

Chairperson:	Pauline Laughnan 715-273-4942	prlaughnan@hotmail.com
Cashier:	Helen Anderson	
Pie:		
Fry:	Tom Place /Roger Laughnan	
Workers:		
Clint Anderson	Mike Peterson	
Dennis - Ann Kiefer	Nadia Thurmes	
Alison Laughnan	Peter Falde	
Erin Kirchner & Wyatt	Parker Peterson	
Marlys Aspen		

Bill Bowen 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.

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

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Schedule Your Photo Appointment Online! Photo Dates Thursday - Saturday, September 21 - 23

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code to the right. Or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button. Enter **w1264** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field.

Note: The Church Code & Password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 time slots. The online scheduling option may not be available Saturday or Sunday because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church on selected weekends. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**



AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Sharon Peterson Mary Straub Money Counters/ Tech Assistants: Mark Jensen Lanette Place		1 7pm Council Meeting	2	3	4	5 4-8pm Luther Point Summer Celebration
6 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 12:30pm Softball Tournament 8am-2pm Luther Point Summer Celebration	7	8	9 6am Pie making 5pm Soup making	10 6am Pie making	11 6am Pie making	12 6am Pie making
				<div>2023 Pierce County Fair</div>		
13 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	14 5:30pm MIM Meeting (Clean-up at Church stand)	15	16	17	18	19
20 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 11:45am Ecumenical Worship Service in El Paso	21	22	23 1:30pm Preferred Senior Living 2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services	24	25	26
27 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	28	29	30 8:30am Quilting	31		

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server	Assisting Minister
August 6th 9:00am	Mike & Katie Allyn Dave & Christi Edin	Jake Knight Lanette Place	Martha Allyn Sophia Edin	Kathy Young	Roger Laughnan	Bruce Place	Ann Young
August 13th 9:00am	Darrin & Lindsay Christopherson Family	Luke Lundstrom Mark Jensen	Nora Christopherson Matt Lundstrom	Mary Halls	Roger Laughnan	Audrey Severson	Rhoda Foley
August 20th 9:00am	Brian Johnson Barry & Becky Johnson	Wyatt Kirchner Lanette Place	Chase Unser Isaac Yunker	Brett Unser	Roger Laughnan	Becky Johnson	
August 27th 9:00am	Casey & Patricia Peterson	Maddie Constant Mark Jensen	Grayson Jensen Lucy 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.

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