

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,

One of those regular tropes that shows up in movies and books is the “eureka moment” for the main character. It’s that point in the story where the character experiences something that suddenly and monumentally shifts their perspective, or something suddenly clicks, or the light bulb comes on in some dramatic way. It’s good for stories because the magical, sudden change where nothing is the same is exciting and shows us a world where change is not only possible, but dramatic and sudden.

But more often, the biggest changes in our lives don’t dawn on us like a lightbulb coming on, or a wave crashing over us, or any of those “eureka moment” ways. Instead, the things that change us most deeply are the things that take a really long time to unfold, and only by looking way back can we even see the moment that it all started, the supposed “eureka moment” that changed it all.

Baptism is like that. Most of us were baptized as infants, and so we don’t have a single memory of what it was like, or what kind of change happened. We generally don’t have the experience of living a life before Christ and then living a life in Christ. So baptism, while it has all of its lovely trappings of candles and white gowns, promises made and pictures taken, egg bake and relatives and happy smiles—it can feel like the baptism itself wasn’t really all that big of a moment.

But the thing is, baptism is *the* moment. It’s the crux of our entire lives. It feels so ordinary—it’s just water poured on our heads and some words said by the pastor—but God works in the ordinary. That ordinary moment turns our lives ever so slightly, so that our lives are put on a completely new course toward the kingdom of God. Baptism is the beginning of that life-altering reality of God’s unfathomable grace changing us to be the kind of people who will ring in the kingdom, lift up the downtrodden, heal the sick, and bring good news to the poor.

This Lent we will be talking about the profound change that baptism instills in us, and how it is a slow burn that is so gradual that we may not notice it until we look back. Baptism invites us into a life that is changed not by one dramatic moment, but by a thousand tiny moments of grace. It frees us from systems of the world that tie us to the exhausting cycle of hatred, vengeance, sin, and death. It liberates us to love our neighbors, to confess our own shortcomings, to be healed and remade daily by God’s grace, all in preparation for the kingdom that God brings into our midst.

This Lent I want you to take the time each week to ponder this question: in what specific ways is your life different because you were baptized? What decisions have you made that would not have been the same without Jesus in your life? How have you acted or reacted differently because you are filled with the Holy Spirit? Because baptism changes it all.

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.

February 14, April 3, May 9, June 20, July 18 August 15

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

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2021

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

Attending: Randy Winger, Debbi Pittman, Sharon Seibel, Mary Straub, Dan Place, Pastor Lucas, Lanette Place, Guest – Patricia Peterson

By phone: Bob Winger and Ann Young

Absent: Norris Berg and Jill Rosenberry

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas – from Mark Ch. 1 – God is with us everywhere.

New Business

2021 Monthly Money Counters – Council members signed up for 2 months.

COVID – 19 Response Team Worship Recommendations – Met Jan. 4 – adjust capacity – two family units in the balcony (10 people total), 10 people on each side in the sanctuary, 12 people in the fellowship room, and 6 people in the blue room. Patricia to purchase a new TV for the blue room. Establish a “Tech Team” of 3-4 members to learn the various systems. Pastor to put a plea in the bulletin for this. A motion was made to revisit this capacity plan next month. Lanette – 1st, Pastor Lucas – 2nd.

Annual Meeting – Motion was made to move the Annual Meeting to Mar. 21st. Debbi – 1st, Lanette – 2nd.

Insurance Update – Adjustments were made resulting in lower premiums.

Old Business

In-person Worship update – discussed numbers attending, safety procedures, and capacity.

2021 Proposed Budget – changed the garbage pickup from \$65/month to \$75.00 on call.

Weekday Prayer Service Attendance – there has been no attendance at these services and Pastor will continue to offer services.

Custodian new hire 1/1/2021 – Claralynn Pittman

Secretary Report – Motion to accept – Dan – 1st, Mary – 2nd

Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept – Lanette - 1st, Pastor Lucas – 2nd. The council are to be thinking about where the money from the Lutefisk Supper should be used for. Designated Account - \$30,981.07,

Loan to General - \$0.00, General account - \$8,131.71

Pastor's Report –Confirmation update and contact with shut-ins. The council suggested that Pastor keeps a confidential log of his calls so the council can recommend people to call.

Youth Report – Patricia explained what the different youth groups have been doing and the result from the Candy Walk - \$523.50 for each group.

Committee Reports – None

Conflict Detection - None

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn. Debbi – 1st, Pastor Lucas – 2nd

Closing Prayer

Next meeting – February 2, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Respectively submitted by Sharon Seibel

Leaving a Legacy Workshop:

Plan now to make a future gift from your estate to support the work of Christ.

If you are considering an estate plan, reviewing/updating a plan, or would simply like to know more about thoughtful estate planning that will consider your heirs and your church, this event is important for you!

Each session will focus on thoughtful estate planning and giving. Cindy Halverson, our Regional Gift Planner from the ELCA Foundation, will lead the presentation and discuss how each of us can make informed decisions that will bless the work of Christ into the future.

You will learn:

- + The role of a will in planning your estate
- + Tax-wise giving tips
- + How to get the best assets to the right beneficiaries
- + Why 70% of estate plans fail to pay out the way the donor intended
- + How to express your values through your estate planning
- + Resources to accomplish your goals

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+ Equipping and supporting leaders through seminary debt assistance and training lay leaders

+ Strengthening congregational vitality

+ Developing ministry for the next generation through first third of life



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Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Regional Office: Christ Church
and West Church

February 11, 2021
6:00-7:30 p.m.

or

February 13, 2021
9:00-10:30 a.m.

To register, go to:

<http://nswwi.org/generosity/leaving-a-legacy-workshop>

OUR SAVIOR'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This is an educational scholarship for the 2021-2022 school term from Our Savior's Lutheran Church via the Endowment Committee. This scholarship application must be received by March 1st, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year. Students enrolled in a four-year degree college are eligible for a \$400 scholarship award. Students enrolled in a two-year or less post high school program are eligible for a \$200 award. The exact number of awards to be given will be determined later. The student must maintain at least a half-time enrollment status. The check will be issued in October 2021.

Note: Students not selected may reapply the following year. Recipients are not eligible to apply again. If a scholarship recipient should decide not to go on for further schooling, then that student would forfeit their current scholarship. Your college may provide matching funds for church sponsored scholarships.

Requirements to apply: Member of Our Savior's congregation
 Attend a college or vocational school
 Maintain at least half-time enrollment status

Deadline for application: March 1st, 2021

Send application to: Nadalie Place
 W7214 690th Avenue
 Beldenville, WI 54003
 or
 Endowment Committee mail slot (*near the office in the back of the church*)

STUDENT'S NAME _____

PRESENT YEAR IN SCHOOL _____

PARENT NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL _____

TYPE OF PROGRAM (circle one) Graduate 4 year 2 year

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER PLANS? _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP PREVIOUSLY AND NOT RECEIVED IT?

YES NO WHEN _____

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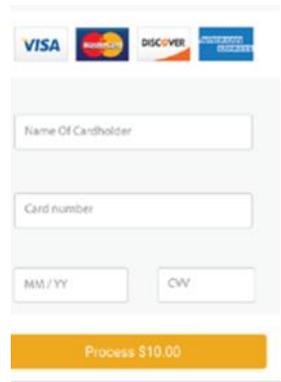
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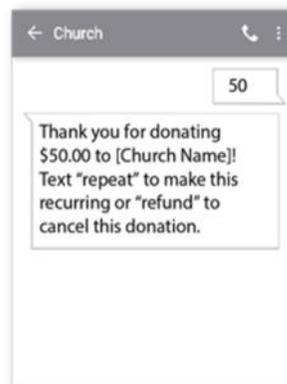
1. Get Started



2. Register



3. Give



4. Repeat



Men In Mission minutes
January 16, 2021

Men In Mission Meeting - January 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order by acting President Bruce Place.

The secretary's report (from last February) was read and approved.

Treasurer Chuck Christopherson reported that we have \$3148 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund, \$2846 in the fair stand fund, and \$1858 in the general fund. The report was approved.

Old Business:

Donna had put the ball parks bathroom on hold at the start of covid. She reported that she has now raised \$25,000 for this project and has no doubt that she can raise the rest needed. Donna will meet with the church council again to make sure we are all up to date with mutual understandings.

Donna reported that the Candy Walk raised about \$1100 to be split between College Kits and the ball park. During covid time, she was very pleased with the results.

Donna will check with Randy Winger to see what decision was made by the insurance company about placing mulch around the ball park playground. We felt that the sand there now was a better solution than mulch.

New Business:

Peter Falde reported that he had cut down four trees at the ball park and cleaned up. He said the stumps were cut at ground level so they would not have to be removed. Peter proposed transplanting some saplings between the trees beyond the outfield fence. Wendell Lundgaard offered last year to give us some trees and plant them. Proposed that Peter and Wendell get together and talk about it. A decision was tabled.

Clair mentioned that we should start thinking about who and how we are going to run the fair stand this coming fall. There was discussion on whose responsibility it is to find personnel to head the fair stand for the fair. We think that falls on the council's shoulders. Donna is on the nominating committee and will work to find people for a Fair Stand Committee. Peter mentioned that if we are hoping for a donation of beef for our BEST fair hamburgers, we are way behind as far as finding someone to slaughter the animal. We actually should be reserving a time for 2022, they are that far behind.

Peter mentioned that there was a chain off of one of the serving doors at the fair stand and that it was fixed.

Motion made by Donna and seconded by Clair that the money raised from our soup sales go into the Luther Point Bible Camp fund. And that we also sell soup on Sunday, February 21st and Sunday March 21st. Motion carried. We will make the soups on the Saturdays before.

Next MIM meeting scheduled for March 20th.

The meeting was adjourned - 8 members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Clair Severeson

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

Virtual Learning Internet Option: With distance learning happening in many of our School Districts. We want to let you all know that the Church has space for 6 families to come and utilize the church's internet. All you would have to do is call or email the church office and let Patricia know what day you would need to come (715-273-4570).
The school District has Our Savior's as a lunch pick-up location, so no need to worry about lunch.
The Education Committee has volunteers who would come and keep an eye on the kids.

UPCOMING EVENTS



This year because of the pandemic we won't be able to have the Mardi Gras Brunch with food, fun, and games as last year. Instead, seeing we are into masks this year, we are inviting you to decorate your own Mardi Gras masks and email pictures to Patricia to put on the church Website. Supplies will be handed out with bulletins on Sunday the 14th or contact the office if you need a kit. We can mail you a kit if you want, let us know. You can use your own supplies, beads, buttons, sequences, feathers, colored pencils, markers, the possibilities are endless. Sunday School kids are invited to participate also. Let's have some fun and see if we can still recognize our church family and friends after a year of wearing masks?
Evangelism Committee: Heather Johnson, Pauline Laughnan, and Sharon Peterson

THANK YOU

Thank You: Thank you for your generosity during this difficult time. Your check will help to cover expenses that have piled up due to my unfortunate accident. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!
God Bless, Jon Chisholm and Family

Dear WELCA, Thank you so very much for the gift of hotdish, salad, and Christmas goodies. They were all delicious. It was so nice being remembered at this time of year. It has been a very difficult year for us, but our faith has seen us through, as well as Acts of Kindness such as you all demonstrated in remembering us.
God Bless You All, Bob & Sheryl

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church, We would like to thank you for the gift of \$140.00 in the year 2020 to our Organization. Our organization is dedicated to reducing hunger and providing access to healthy food across Pierce County. Your generous gift has helped us to purchased much needed nutritional items as well as equipment to protect the safety of our volunteers and clients.
Throughout 2020, collectively through our network of food pantries, we helped place approximately 530, 246 meals on the tables of 7, 575 families, consisting of 17, 730 people in need across Pierce County. Every dollar donated to a local food pantry can buy 4-7 dollars worth of food. Again, thank you fo considering our organization for this gift. Heidi Albarado, Pierce Country Food Pantry Coordinator

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7pm Council Meeting	3 7-8pm Confirmation (9th Grade & Group A)	4	5	6
7 Cinnamon Rolls 9am Live Stream Worship 9am Limited In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 9am Sunday School	8	9	10 7-8pm Confirmation (9th Grade & Group B)	11	12	13
14 9am Live Stream Worship 9am Limited In-person 9am Drive-In Worship No Sunday School	15	16 Mardi Gras (send in your photo's)	17 Ash Wednesday 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 6:30pm Worship Service (All Confirmation Groups)	18	19	20
21 Soup/Chili Sale 9am Live Stream Worship 9am Limited In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 9am Sunday School	22	23	24 6:30pm Lent Service (All Confirmation Groups)	25	26	27
28 9am Live Stream Worship 9am Limited In-person 9am Drive-In Worship No Sunday School						

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In Need of Prayer!

Kay Berg, Jim Hauschildt, Donna Constant, Calvin Boe, Ron Mireau, Shirley Nickel, Lu Johnson, Nancy Hove, Della Larson, Judie Goodwin, Mark Kiefer, Norris Berg, Tom Dachel, Tom Springette, Anna Walentowski, Alan Nelson, Zachery Caterer, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office at 715-273-4570, or admin.os@hbc.com

