

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

February 2023

www.oursaviorschurch.info

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

Each summer, we have a group of our youth go on a mission trip. In years past it has been to familiar places like Luther Point, or places a full twenty-four-hour bus ride away, like in eastern Virginia. It's an amazing and intense time where they get thrown together with other youth to do something important. But one of my favorite things that I have had the joy to experience on those youth mission trips is how they are regularly asked to point out "God sightings" they have during the day.

If you don't already know, "God sightings" are when you notice God at work. It could be the happy coincidence that really couldn't have been a coincidence. It could be the really powerful conversation you had with a stranger. It could be the sense of calm and accomplishment at the work you've done that day. It could be some moment where you felt God's presence despite it not being obviously different from any other moment. The kids on mission trips will compile these "God sightings" and share them at the end of the day, so everyone can experience where God was at work.

This year, as a congregation, we will be picking up that practice of God sightings as we find ways to deepen our connection to God. It's a wonderful practice, because you can do it any day, any time, with anyone. Just notice. See the ways that goodness shows up randomly in your life. Notice how people cross paths to make the world a better place. Watch how God can awe you with creation's smallest details. I invite you this year to take the time to notice those God sightings.

You could take a few minutes at the end of the day to talk with your family and share your God sightings. You could keep a notebook handy and write down when, where, and what you saw. You could keep a photo-journal where you use your smartphone to capture the moment. Keep some kind of memory of those God sightings.

And then I want us to share them.

And that could look like posting a weekly God sighting on the church's (or your own) Facebook page. It could look like getting on TikTok and telling the world where you saw God that day. It could look like sending a note or an email to the church office so we can keep a record of it. It could look like making a scrapbook of those God sightings that you'll put together at the end of the year.

Whatever it might look like, I really do want you to share your God sightings with the congregation. I want us to all have the chance to celebrate those times we see God, and deepen our faith together as one person's God sighting could kick off another's God sighting. I want us to get in the habit of sharing God sightings, so that we can grow in faith and be able to name God's presence wherever we go.

So start today. Where did you see God today?

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 19th, April 8th (Easter Vigil), May 14th, June 18th,
July 16th, August 13th.**

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.
admin.os@hbcj.com, 715-273-4570

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2023

Call Meeting to Order: President Randy Winger at 7:05 PM, by candlelight due to power outage.

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

Absent: Gabe Feuerhelm, John Traun, Sharon Seibel, Dan Place

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas lead a discussion of hopes and goals for this year. We will look Inward, Outward, and Upward.

New Business:

January Money counters & Tech assistants: Donna and Bob

February money counters & Tech assistants: Lanette and Patricia

Date of Annual Meeting: Donna made a motion, seconded by Patricia to have our annual meeting on February 26, 2023. M/C After discussion, Donna amended her motion to have the annual meeting on February 5, 2023.

Bob seconded the motion. M/C

Time Change for January 22nd worship service: Due to the MIM Annual Soup and Oyster Stew, we will have worship service at 10am.

Distribution amounts for the Lutefisk Supper and Fairstand: Lanette made a motion, seconded by Ann, to accept the 2022 Proposed Lutefisk Supper and Fairstand Disbursements as written. M/C These will be shared at the Annual Meeting.

Assist Nominating Committee: The council is asked to help assist the Nominating Committee with any unfilled positions.

Old Business:

2023 Budget Proposal: Lanette made a motion, seconded by Bob, to send the 2023 OSLC Proposed Budget to the congregation members for a vote of approval at the Annual Meeting. M/C

Report on "Light Up the Fair" activity: Very well received. \$664 in profit went to the loan to general fund. It is possible there might be a light-up parade next year. Some feedback from the community was to have better signage for parking and the different events going on.

Update with Estate Investment/s: We need to register our church with the Secretary of State before we can purchase CDs. Thank you to the Endowment Fund members for work on this!

Secretary's Report-

Bob made a motion, seconded by Lanette, to approve the December 6, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented by Jill. M/C

Treasurer's Report-

Designated Account \$74,149.16

General Account \$217.60

Money Market \$232,895.29

Total: \$307,262.05

Between the fundraising and donations, we were able to pay off our Designated Loan to the general fund.

Thank you all for your generosity!

Bob made a motion, seconded by Donna, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by Debbi. M/C

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Pastor's report- Pastor Lucas highlighted all the Christmastide ministry with SOS Christmas Caroling, youth gift wrapping, Candy Walk, and Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services. We are looking toward the future and the ways in which God will guide us. Complete report on file. Patricia made a motion, seconded by Bob to accept the Pastor's report as presented by Pastor Lucas. M/C

Youth Report-

Patricia provided a printed report highlighting upcoming events. The Silent Auction brought in \$1,160. The Candy Walk brought in \$1,000 toward the College Kits. The Youth Report is on file. Donna made a motion, seconded by Pastor Lucas, to accept the report as presented by Patricia. M/C

Committee Reports-

Worship Committee: The committee would like to buy approximately ten more of the new hymnals, "All Creation Sings", for those who like to read music.

Donna reported that the Candy Walk brought in over \$2,600. \$1,000 went to College Kits, and \$1600 was put into the Fundraising Fund.

Conflict Detection- We are recycling a lot of the "Living Lutheran" magazines each month. We will plan to reduce our subscription to ten.

Adjourn- Bob made a motion, seconded by Donna, to adjourn at 8:55 pm. M/C

Closing Prayer-The Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: February 7, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Rosenberry

Men In Mission meeting

January 21st, 2023

Following breakfast served by Bruce Place and Donna Constant and devotions, the business meeting was called to order by Pres. Lemoine Baker.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Clair reported for treasurer Tom Holdorf that we have \$3978 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund, \$21,614 in the fair stand fund, and \$2135 in the general fund. This does not show the check for \$17,100 that has been forwarded to the church from the fair stand fund for outreach ministries.

Old Business

The oyster stew/soup dinner is tomorrow. It was decided that the proceeds will go to the Luther Point Bible Camp fund. Expenses will be taken out of the proceeds.

The Silent Auction for the ball park improvement has started. There is \$3700 in cash donations so far. Donna has located personnel to head the ballpark project. We are hoping for an early spring so we can get started.

The Candy Walk raised \$3200. \$1600 of this goes to the ballpark improvement.

New Business

The MIM will serve coffee on February 19th and March 19th.

The next MIM will be on March 18th with Brian Johnson and Bill Bowen serving.

Motion to adjourn by Clair/Donna.

Minutes respectfully submitted by secretary Clair Severson

What does your giving look like?

| If your household income is... | Then your weekly tithe could be... | But if you're not there, each week you could give: | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | 1% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 5% | 6% | 7% | 8% | 9% |
| \$15,080 | \$29.00 | \$2.90 | \$5.80 | \$8.70 | \$11.60 | \$14.50 | \$17.40 | \$20.30 | \$23.20 | \$26.10 |
| \$20,000 | \$38.46 | \$3.85 | \$7.69 | \$11.54 | \$15.38 | \$19.23 | \$23.08 | \$26.92 | \$30.77 | \$34.62 |
| \$30,000 | \$57.69 | \$5.77 | \$11.54 | \$17.31 | \$23.08 | \$28.85 | \$34.62 | \$40.38 | \$46.15 | \$51.92 |
| \$40,000 | \$76.92 | \$7.69 | \$15.38 | \$23.08 | \$30.77 | \$38.46 | \$46.15 | \$53.85 | \$61.54 | \$69.23 |
| \$50,000 | \$96.15 | \$9.62 | \$19.23 | \$28.85 | \$38.46 | \$48.08 | \$57.69 | \$67.31 | \$76.92 | \$86.54 |
| \$60,000 | \$115.38 | \$11.54 | \$23.08 | \$34.62 | \$46.15 | \$57.69 | \$69.23 | \$80.77 | \$92.31 | \$103.85 |
| \$70,000 | \$134.62 | \$13.46 | \$26.92 | \$40.38 | \$53.85 | \$67.31 | \$80.77 | \$94.23 | \$107.69 | \$121.15 |
| \$80,000 | \$153.85 | \$15.38 | \$30.77 | \$46.15 | \$61.54 | \$76.92 | \$92.31 | \$107.69 | \$123.08 | \$138.46 |
| \$90,000 | \$173.08 | \$17.31 | \$34.62 | \$51.92 | \$69.23 | \$86.54 | \$103.85 | \$121.15 | \$138.46 | \$155.77 |
| \$100,000 | \$192.31 | \$19.23 | \$38.46 | \$57.69 | \$76.92 | \$96.15 | \$115.38 | \$134.62 | \$153.85 | \$173.08 |
| \$110,000 | \$211.54 | \$21.15 | \$42.31 | \$63.46 | \$84.62 | \$105.77 | \$126.92 | \$148.08 | \$169.23 | \$190.38 |
| \$120,000 | \$230.77 | \$23.08 | \$46.15 | \$69.23 | \$92.31 | \$115.38 | \$138.46 | \$161.54 | \$184.62 | \$207.69 |
| \$130,000 | \$250.00 | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$75.00 | \$100.00 | \$125.00 | \$150.00 | \$175.00 | \$200.00 | \$225.00 |
| \$140,000 | \$269.23 | \$26.92 | \$53.85 | \$80.77 | \$107.69 | \$134.62 | \$161.54 | \$188.46 | \$215.38 | \$242.31 |
| \$150,000 | \$288.46 | \$28.85 | \$57.69 | \$86.54 | \$115.38 | \$144.23 | \$173.08 | \$201.92 | \$230.77 | \$259.62 |

God loves a cheerful giver (1 Corinthians 9:7), so your offering should bring you JOY!

Whether you have met your tithe and give even more, or if with other obligations you still manage to regularly give 1%, what matters is that you answer God's call to generosity, and you do so regularly and purposefully. If you're not a regular giver, take time with God to find out how you could be, and how much you want to give.

What discipline of generosity fits your life best? Could your offering be in an envelope on Sunday, a direct online withdrawal, or a check in the mail? You could even try out different ones and figure out which one works to best express your thankfulness!

Let's all celebrate what you can give, imagine what level you want your giving to be, and take steps to make it happen.



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!



Luther Point

BIBLE CAMP

11525 Luther Point Rd
Grantsburg, WI 54840

715.689.2347 | www.lutherpoint.org | info@lutherpoint.org

Executive Summary, Luther Point Bible Camp 2022

2022 was another great year of growth, re-centering and exploring new avenues of ministry at Luther Point Bible Camp.

Program

We continue to hold programs year-round at Luther Point Bible Camp with the emphasis being on our summer camp programs. This year we welcomed over 500 campers to summer camp at Luther Point Bible Camp along with 20 summer staff members and countless volunteers. While here they learned what it means to be "Created Good."

We also launched our first on-site day camp "Camp Connect." Something we as a camp strive to do is be a resource for our surrounding communities. By offering half day and full day programs we were able to meet a need in our community by providing a safe place for kids to play, learn and grow. We are looking forward to 2023 and continuing to grow and expand this program.

Retreats

One of our main ministries at Luther Point Bible Camp is to provide a space set apart from the hustle and bustle of the world for groups and individuals to come slow down, relax and encounter God. We had 135 group reservations made at Luther Point in 2022 and are on track to meet and surpass that number for 2023.

Facilities

Luther Point Bible Camp always strives to provide the very best facilities we can offer to all our constituents. This year updates were made to the Chapel with replacing the floor and painting the inside. Future updates will include replacing the windows and adding heat to make it suitable for meetings, events, and weddings year-round.

We continued to replace the old fluorescent bulbs around camp with new energy-efficient LED's. It is amazing how many bulbs are around Luther Point (think in the thousands!). A sling-shot range was added for campers to use in 2022 as well as new kayaks given by a generous donor. We are looking at giving new life to our outpost low-ropes course as well as our sporting areas in 2023!

Financial

Luther Point continues to strive to be the very best stewards of the resources given to us. We are poised to end 2022 with a net positive income and continue to pay down our debts. For over 2 years we have had the line of credit with our bank paid off (prior to that it had a balance for over 15 years). We kept our camper registration costs the same even though inflation is hitting us hard with the cost of food, propane, fuel, etc.

Thank You!

Thank you for being a part of this ministry, partnering with us and walking with us as we continue to share the good news of God to people from across Wisconsin, Minnesota and the nation!

God's Peace,

Sam Campeau

Executive Director

Forming Faith, Pointing to Christ

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



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

For the month of **February** we will be collecting Birthday bag items;

Napkins, Frosting, Balloons, etc. and personal care items; Shampoo, Soap , Lotion , Dish Soap, Laundry Soap , and Toothpaste.

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church.

Thank you for showing your concern.

Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food?

Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your

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

Wednesday March 8th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

Wednesday May 17th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

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



Valentine's day coming up, if you have groups that would like to make valentine cards and drop them off at the care centers, our residents would love that!

Also, at Ellsworth Health Services, we have a budget of \$50 a month for activity supplies.

Since I've started, I've been trying to encourage residents to get out of their rooms and they earn tickets for coming to activities or at BINGO. I have set up a "Rec Retail Shop" in my office where residents can cash in their tickets for prizes. I am looking at adding more things to offer residents and would love help from the community since our budget is so small. If you have things that are new or slightly used that you would like to donate for residents, that would be awesome. Or if you have youth groups who are looking for projects or places to help out, anything will help!

So far, the shop includes word searches, body wash, some different craft like things, some blankets, and a couple of snacks/ drinks. I would love to get more of the following; **Toiletries that include shampoo/conditioner, lotions, lip balm, bodywash, deodorant, etc. Snacks, candy, or diet soda, Blankets, stuffed animals, decorative pillows, Room decorations or picture frames, Craft kits or art supplies, Bird feed or feeders for outside their rooms,** or anything you think they would like or could use.

I understand budgets are tight everywhere, but if you're ever looking to donate anything or do anything with your youth groups, please think of Ellsworth Health Services and Preferred to donate to.

All the best,

Emily Wilbur, CTRS

Life Enrichment Director

Ellsworth Health Services | 403 North Maple | Ellsworth, WI 54011

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Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®
by March 31: Eligible Thrivent Financial members
who have available Choice Dollars® have until
March 31, 2023, to direct them. Don't miss this
opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial
provide outreach funding
to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.
Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or
call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after
the prompt, or press 6. If you have questions or
need help, you may contact Lanette Place.

Lent Supper Sign-up Dates:

*Sign up sheet is located at church in the kitchen.

Wednesday February 22nd—Ash Wednesday
Peggy Hoyer/Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser

Wednesday March 1st

Wednesday March 8th

Wednesday March 15th— WELCA

Wednesday March 22nd

Wednesday March 29th

Thank You!

The Men in Mission want to thank all who attended
the oyster stew/soup dinner two weeks ago. From
your generous donations, \$840 was raised, helping us
meet our Luther Point Bible Camp fund goal. There is
some leftover chili, frozen in the kitchen freezer,
yours for a donation.

Pierce County Hunger Prevention Council: we
would like to thank you for the recent gift of \$20 to
our organization. We appreciate your continued sup-
port for our mission as we support Pierce County Res-
idents' quality of life by providing equitable access to
food and resources. Your generous gift will help us to
purchase much needed nutritional and personal care
items as well as equipment to protect the safety of
our volunteers and clients.
Sincerely, Heidi Albarado

In Need of Prayer!



John Paape,
Wayne Peterson,
Joe Minder,
Ann Leonard,
Ian Peterson,
Eldon Schellfeffer,
Mary Jo Bjork,
Kristen Anderson.

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

***Attention to Anyone Who Eats
and wants to stretch their grocery budget!**
Share with your friends, family and co-workers.



**1st Saturday of each month
10:00am - 11:30am**

****WINTER LOCATION**

**thru March will be held
at Pierce Pepin Cooperative**

W7725 US Hwy 10, Ellsworth, WI

**follow signs & come in on the US Hwy 63 entrance*

*In case of inclement weather, refer to RubysPantry.org
or on Ruby's Pantry Facebook or Ruby's Pantry-Ellsworth
Facebook for any updated information*

Drive-Thru Distribution

Stay right in your vehicle, stop at each cone as the
shares are loaded into the back of vehicle

**please try to have that area empty*

*** No income or residency requirement.
Everyone Who Eats Can Purchase Shares**

There is a \$25 CASH donation per share,
if possible, bring exact cash to keep the line moving,
you will receive an abundance of groceries.



**Ruby Pantry-Ellsworth, WI
at Bethel Covenant Church**
Receive updates, reminders, food list, etc.

Stay Connected

**Create an account by visiting
www.rubyspantry.org, select Create an Account on the top bar,
complete email, contact info, select Ellsworth as your
location. **Already have an account on the Ruby's Pantry website, log
into your account, click My Locations, to add the Ellsworth location.*



You, your family, middle or high school students, co-workers or
organization are all welcome to come volunteer with us,
arrive by 8:15am - done around noon.

High School students will receive service hours.

Each individual will need to fill out a registration form
can be done ahead of time online @ www.rubyspantry.org or come
by 8:15am the day of distribution to fill out a paper form
(only need to do once, not each time you volunteer).

Did you know.... **We receive 500+ shares for distribution.*

**Everyone receives a generous share for each \$25 donation*

**One person's share may look different from other's share
depending (example; one receives a gallon of chocolate milk
another gets 2 quarts of buttermilk or one gets English muffins
and the next gets a loaf of bread, etc.)*

**Sometimes we get some limited bonus items like cases of
soda, large bags of frozen items that are too difficult to split
up. These items are given out until we run out.*

**Any leftover shares go to various local food banks.*

**Cash donation breakdown is 10% to Bethel Funds, helping others in our
area and other 90% to Ruby's for fleet, maintenance, warehouse, and staff.*



Hosted by Bethel Covenant Church

715-792-2397 Email: office@bethelcov.org

Facebook: Bethel Covenant Church

Please do not call Pierce Pepin Cooperative!!

St. Paul's UCC 
W5706 St Rd 72, Ellsworth WI

DRIVE THRU STEAK DINNER

Feb 11, 2023 | 4-7 pm

Meal includes:
grilled steak, baked potato, special green beans, salad, homemade bun & dessert.

Tickets must be purchased in advance in person or online at spuccellsworth.org
\$15.00 each

Proceeds spread kindness through outreach ministry.



Valentine Fundraiser

This will help Our Savior's raise money to improve the
Our Savior's ballfield.



1 dozen Chocolate Covered Strawberries
1 dozen mixed box of Chocolate Covered Cherries and truffles

**Truffles – Caramel Apple, Raspberry,
Irish cream, Strawberry lemonade and
Chocolate Caramel.**



**Please order by February 9th and they can be picked up starting at 2pm Sunday February
12th 13th, or 14th.**

Treat your someone special and help us improve our Ballpark.
Call or text 715-307-0451 or email constant.donna@yahoo.com

Order Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Box of 1 dz. Chocolate Covered Strawberries _____

Box of 1 dz. Mixed Cherries & Truffles _____

\$30.00 a box

Thanks for Supporting Our Ballfield!

Happy Valentine's Day!

FEBRUARY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Altar Guilds: Sharon Peterson Mary Straub Money Counters/ Tech Assistants: Lanette Place Patricia Peterson | | | 1 7pm Confirmation | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Annual Meeting No Sunday School Hour | 6 | 7 7pm Council Meeting | 8 7pm Confirmation | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 10am Sunday School Hour | 13 | 14 | 15 7pm Confirmation | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School Hour | 20 | 21 | 22 Ash Wednesday 8:30am Quilting 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 5:30-6:30pm Lent Supper by Peggy Hoyer 6:30pm Lent Worship Service | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 10am Sunday School Hour 11:30am—1:30pm Sledding Party | 27 | 28 | | | | |

| | Greeter's/Ushers | Tech Assistant | Acolyte | Reader | Bell Ringer | Communion Server | Assisting Minister |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Feb. 5th 9:00AM | Darren & Lindsay Christopherson Family | Breken Young Lanette Place | Pearl Shelley Nora Christopherson | Rhoda Foley | Roger Laughnan | Audrey Severson | Tom Holdorf |
| Feb. 12th 9:00AM | Abe & Gina Place Family | Grayson Jensen Patricia Peterson | Maddi Constant Isaac Yunker | Clair Severson | Roger Laughnan | Donna Constant | Ann Young |
| Feb. 19th 9:00AM | Tim & Jodi Wiff Ron & Darlene Halverson | Chase Unser Lanette Place | Sophia Edin Martha Allyn | Amy Parmeter | Tim Wiff | Mary Halls | Rhoda Foley |
| Feb. 26th 9am | Clair & Audrey Severson Bruce Place | Karli Foley-Nelson Patricia Peterson | Wyatt Kirchner Parker Peterson | Belinda Foley | Roger Laughnan | Pauline Laughnan | 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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JESUS LOVES* YOU

***Conditions do not apply**