

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

February 2025

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

Before I agree to preside at any wedding, I ask the couple to go through premarital counseling. I think it's a genuinely helpful thing to get the cards on the table, maybe talk about things that haven't come up before, and see where the couple can grow together to become a healthier partnership. One of the things I love to include is to task them with discerning what their "love language" is. "Love languages" were a way that author Gary Chapman categorized how we express our love for one another in the book by the same name, and how we best receive love from others. Basically, what do you do that makes others feel loved, and what do others need to do to make you feel loved?

The way he summarized it was that we express love through words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time, and physical touch. We all have a mix of these five, but some are more strongly felt than others. We feel the most loved, it turns out, when we receive those expressions that we associate most strongly with love (and note that none of the five are "better" than any of the others). And when we know what our partner's (or whoever we want to express love to) language is, we can know better how to make them feel loved in turn. That love makes us feel seen, and helps us realize our own dignity and worth.

So maybe our works of love for our neighbor seem to be meeting what *we* think love ought to look like, but it's not being received that way. What are we called to do when our acts of charity (you might say "giving and receiving gifts") are not how someone knows they are loved, but rather when they are seen, talked to, and heard (maybe "quality time" or "words of affirmation")? Are our acts of service affirming the dignity of those we want to help, or is there another way that can build them up to be the people God calls them to be? When we stop to consider what *others* need, rather than assume we know what they need, it helps us love more fully the way God intended.

I find this categorization to be helpful not because it's the gospel truth of how humans interact, but because it gets us thinking about how we show that we love. Love has evidence, after all. If someone says they love you over and over, but they do nothing at all to show it, can it be said that they truly love you? What does it mean for how we are called to love our neighbors if each neighbor needs love in a different way? The beauty of it is that God calls on us to learn this about each other so that we can better love one another. And when we learn, we can affirm and support each other, showing that each of us is valuable and precious in God's sight, that much better.

I hope you will find ways to show your own love this month, and you'll have the gift of learning how your partner, your neighbors, your fellow members of the body of Christ receive love from you as well. It is the height and completion of who God calls us to be when we love each other, so let's take every tool we've got to do it as well as we possibly can!

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 16th, April 19th, May 18th**

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.  
[office.osbeldenville@gmail.com](mailto:office.osbeldenville@gmail.com), 715-273-4570

# Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

**Call Meeting to Order:** President Tim Wiff at 7:00 PM.

**Attending:** Debbi Pittman, Pastor Lucas, Donna Constant, Ron Halverson, Mike Rehbein, Tim Wiff, Audrey Severson, Ann Young, Patricia Peterson, Mark Jensen, Steve Straub

**Absent:** John Traun, Sue Palmquist

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Lucas, meditation of an ordinary day, read for a peaceful night. God is everywhere all around us.

## New Business:

### **Money Counters & Tech Assistant.**

Volunteers signed up.

### **Reviewed employee meetings.**

Employees dismissed.

Council discussed the meeting notes. Approved the outcome of the series of meetings.

Employees returned.

### **Lutefisk Supper, Fair Stand Proceeds.**

Dispersed proceeds mostly following the amounts set in 2024.

### **Rolled over CDs**

Motion by Patricia to Leave funds at Edwards Jones for a year, seconded by Donna, M/C.

## Old Business:

### **Elevator Phone**

Discussion to determine the pricing of the Safety First Wireless system due to the documentation wording being unclear.

Motion by Donna to move forward if the pricing is set for a 5 year period, seconded by Mark, M/C.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Motion to approve as presented by Mark, seconded by Audery, M/C.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Designated Account	\$56,688.15
General Account	\$5,233.33
Money Market	\$35,787.00
Total	\$97,708.48

The Edward Jones CDs account: \$163,608.31

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Donna, seconded by Patricia, M/C.

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## **Pastor's report:**

Led two confirmation lessons, topic, Mental Health.

Coffee & Conversation sessions, conducted two.

Participated in the Moses Project weekly projects. Topic "When Prophets Preach" by Jay Augustine.

Visited and provided Communion to shut-ins and members of the care center.

Participated in gift wrapping with youth of the generous congregation offered gifts for needy families. Participated with SOS caroling at the care centers.

Epiphany Season: Hoping to share the wonder of finding where God is revealed in and among us.

Confirmation: Confirmands will be invited to lead in Lent.

Curriculum will be evaluated to see how it is going and if modifications are needed.

Motion to approve Pastor's report by Audrey, seconded by Patricia, M/C.

## **Youth Report:**

The envelope fund raiser is continuing into May and moved to the Narthex. There are 66 remaining envelopes.

The van has been reserved for the mission trip at a steep discount.

Candy and Cookie Walk: The College Kits will receive a \$1,200.00 donation from this fundraiser!

Youth Night/Confirmation: BINGO has been rescheduled for the next youth night, Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

S.O.S. Kids Crew lesson the January 15<sup>th</sup> was about snowflakes. Snowflakes were made from lunch bags. Work will continue on the books of the bible memorization.

Motion to approve Youth report by Donna, seconded by Pastor, M/C.

**Committee Reports:** none

**Conflict Detection:** none

**Adjourn:** 8:25 PM

Motion to adjourn by Pastor, seconded by Donnay, approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C.

**Closing Prayer:** The Lord's Prayer.



**Mark Your Calendars!** The Our Savior's Annual Meeting will take place Sunday February 16th immediately following Worship.

**Men In Mission Meeting**  
**January 18th, 2025**

After breakfast served by Bruce Place and Ron Halverson, and devotions led by Pastor Lucas, the business meeting was called to order by President Mike Rehbein.

The Secretary's report was read. Motion for approval by Donna/Bruce.

Reporting for Treasurer Tom Holdorf, Clair said we have \$4,105 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund, \$5,851 in the fair stand fund, \$1,116 in the ballpark operational fund, and \$3,703 in the general fund. \$19,000 has been forwarded to the church for outreach ministries. Motion for approval by Donna/Ron.

**Old Business:**

Clair reported that the Village will be increasing the water bill at the fair stand by \$50/quarter.

Donna reported that the "Light Up The Fair" affair was slow the first weekend because of cold weather and much better the second weekend. We took in about \$800 with expenses for the cider being about \$360. There was discussion on possible plastic snap-on inserts for the top half of the windows to help cut the cold air/wind.

The oyster stew/soup dinner is set for next Sunday, the 26th. Proceeds going to the Luther Point Bible Camp fund. We hope to raise \$500.

**New Business:**

Motion made by Clair/Bruce to allow the FFA to use our stand for the tractor pull on June 7th, and June 8th (rain date).

Donna reported that the Menomonie Blue Caps softball team (1860's style softball) has asked to use our ball field for a tournament. The date would be August 24th and would involve 4 to 5 teams. They use special old-time bases, bats, and balls and bring their own umpire. Motion made by Bruce/Clair for approval at the non-member fee of \$150 to rent the field. Discussion on who and how the concession stand will be run. Tim has offered to leave an acre of his field for parking as the rest will be planted in corn this summer.

Donna reported that the FFA has offered to pay \$1000 for 10 to 12 volunteers to help with the FFA tractor pull. Since the "call out" is to the church, any money made will go to the church. There are also opportunities thru the Cheese Curd Festival.

Softball coaches meeting is set for March.

Coffee hours tomorrow and February 23rd.

The next MIM meeting is March 15th with Brian and Bill serving.

Motion made by Donna/Bruce to adjourn. Seven members present.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Clair Severson.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

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



# DRIVE THRU STEAK DINNER

Feb 8, 2025 | 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](http://spuccellsworth.org) / \$15.00 each  
*Proceeds spread kindness through outreach ministry.*

2025  
Preferred Senior Living  
&  
Ellsworth Health Services  
Worship Schedule for Our Savior's

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

Wednesday  
March 12th, May 14th, July 23rd,  
October 15th, December 10th  
November 13th



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **FEBRUARY** we will be collecting;  
**Elbow Macaroni, Dry Soup Mix, Baked Beans, Flour, Sugar and Fruit Snacks.**  
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](http://hungerpreventioncouncil.net), call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

## February 23, 2025

Serving starts at 11:00 a.m.

Limited Seating-Sign Up Today

Dine In or Take Out

\$20.00 adults-\$10.00 (Children 10 and under)

Sign Up Required:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/53385910/publish/>

Or find the link on our website:

[www.englishlutheranchurch.org](http://www.englishlutheranchurch.org)

Enjoy our scrumptious Hot Beef Meal, just like the one you savor at the Pierce County Fairgrounds, now available for a special treat in February at the church! This mouthwatering meal includes tender, slow-cooked beef, seasoned to perfection, and served with mashed potatoes, gravy, on bread, and a side of corn and coleslaw. Pie for dessert! It's the perfect comfort food to warm your heart and soul during the chilly winter months. Gather with friends and family in the cozy atmosphere of the church, where you can share in the joy of delicious food and community spirit. Whether you're a long-time fan or trying it for the first time, this Hot Beef Meal is sure to satisfy your cravings and leave you feeling nourished and content.



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**HEART's mission is to transform communities by demonstrating God's love in practical ways.**

Heart-Helping Others Heart was created to help those in need. Through this organization, we can shop and bid on items at significantly discounted prices. Shopping appointments are arranged for us, and purchases made go directly to those in need. We are partnering with the Ellsworth School District and Pierce County Human Services to identify families who would benefit most from this support. This is a valuable opportunity to stretch our resources and reach out to those in need. If you would like to contribute to this initiative, please designate "Heart" on your donations., or contact Donna Constant



**Christmas Meals:** We hope you had a great holiday season. We want to thank you again to you and everyone involved in the Christmas meals. We were able to deliver them to all families successfully! The families were so appreciative. Thank you again!

**Dear Members of Our Savior's,** On behalf of Turningpoint, thank you very much for your recent donations in the amount of \$200.00 and \$100.00. We are very grateful for your gift, which will support general operations of Turningpoint. Services include our 24-hour phone and text crisis hotlines, crisis shelter, legal system support, one-on-one emotional support, safety planning, systems advocacy, children's programming, support groups, and emergency food, clothing, and transportation.. Again, thank you very much for these generous and thoughtful gifts. Amy Berg, Resource Development Director.

**Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,** Thank you for your gift of \$500.00 & \$200.00 to ELCA World Hunger and \$200.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. As a church we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's Love. In Christ, Daniel Rift.

**A Heartfelt THANK YOU** to all who partook in the oyster stew/ soup dinner last Sunday. With your generous donations, we raised \$786, after expenses, for the Men in Mission's Luther Point Bible Camp fund.

**Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,** Thank for supporting Feed My Starving Children with your charitable contributions in 2024, You funded MannaPack meals to feed children, feed spirits, and empower communities across the globe. Your 2024 contributions of \$1,000.00 has provided meals 3,448 meals this year. Lives have been changed because of you. Thank you so much for providing food and hope in 2024. Until all are feed, J.J. Slag, Executive Director/CEO

# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Guilds:</b> Sharon Peterson Mary Straub <b>Money Counters:</b> Mark Jensen Sue Palmquist						1
<b>2 Cinnamon Roll Sunday</b> 9am Worship/Livestream 9:15am SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	3 10am Coffee and Conversation	4 7pm Council Meeting	5 6pm Youth Night: BINGO at the Ellsworth Health Services. *Rescheduled Date	6	7	8
9 9am Worship/Livestream 9:15am SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	10	11	12 7pm Confirmation	13	14	15
<b>16 Annual Meeting</b> 9am Worship/Livestream No SS hour 10am Annual Meeting	17 10am Coffee and	18	19 4-5:30pm S.O.S. Kids Crew 7pm Confirmation	20	21	22
23 9am Worship/Livestream 9:15am SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	24	25	26 8:30am Quilting 7pm Confirmation	27	28	

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Assisting Minister
<b>February 2nd</b> 9:00AM	Bruce & Lanette Place	Patricia Peterson Sue Palmquist	Chase Unser Maddie Constant	Sue Palmquist	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley
<b>February 9th</b> 9:00AM	Lori Coulson Mary Halls	Lucy Feuerhelm Mark Jensen	June Feuerhelm Ryland Jensen	Kay Berg	Roger Laughnan	Lanette Place
<b>February 16th</b> 9:00AM	Darrin & Lindsay Christopherson	Nora Christopherson Mark Jensen	Wyatt Goodier Kaia Christopherson	Larry Peterson	Roger Laughnan	Sue Palmquist
<b>February 23rd</b> 9:00AM	Tim & Jodi Wiff	Jake Knight Sue Palmquist	Lane Kolodzienski Brody Flynn	Steve Straub	Roger Laughnan	Ann Young

*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.*

## In Need of Prayer!



Jeff Taplin, Alan Winberg, Herman Olson, Bob Dahm, Terryl Florcek, Dean Mewes, John Paape, Eldon Schellfeffer, and Kristen Anderson. The men and women that are deployed; Ian Gilby, Brady Sharon, Mathew Normand, Reuben Huppert, Kohl Flock, Wyatt Roed, Ryan Orpen, Ella Wynveen.

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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*Love one another*  
as I have loved you.  
John 15:12