

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,

This feels like a big year. Any new year is a chance to start over fresh, to set new goals, to dedicate the next 365 days to doing something important in your life, but for some reason the start of a brand-new decade feels like an even bigger deal. We measure whole cultural movements by decades—just think of how we consider “the sixties” or “the nineties.” What do the twenties hold?

One other thing that makes this year important is that we, as a Lutheran church body, are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of women. It's an incredibly big deal that we have come half a century into recognizing God's call to ministry for half of humanity. It's a year where we get to celebrate and lift up the various ways that women have enlivened the witness of the Church and shared the gospel in new and unique ways.

In particular I have been affected by the ordination of women. I would not be a pastor were it not for the amazing women called to the ministry in this church. My campus pastor, Pastor Rosemary Peek, was the first one to really push me to considering ordained ministry. My field church mentor at seminary, Pastor Mary Anderson, helped me understand the ropes of what leading in congregational life involved. My internship supervisor and our current bishop, Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson, empowered and encouraged me to grow in my call. And my wife, Pastor Annie, supports and sharpens my work in ministry.

But it's not just their benefit to me and my call that we celebrate. Women are powerful leaders in the ELCA, with 22 of our synodical bishops being women, with more than a third of our pastors being women, and with more than half of all seminary students being women. Their hard work, their love for the gospel, and their dedication to the work that God has set before them have pushed the ELCA in bold new areas of ministry, reimagining ways of being church, and empowering lay women in the church to seize on the ways that God has called them to lead.

It's right that we should celebrate fifty years of women being ordained in this Church. Women have done incredible things with the ministry we are called to, and have shown time and again a unique understanding of the gospel that we just weren't getting when only men were allowed to be pastors. I encourage y'all to go to elca.org and look at the resources they have there for celebrating the anniversary, and to read stories of pastors and deacons who can answer God's call to share the gospel. We have gained so much as a Church by recognizing that God has been calling people of all kinds to ministry—after all, it says in Acts that God would pour out the Spirit on *all* flesh, both male and female, to share the gospel.

It's a big year, 2020, and I hope it proves to be an amazing decade. I also hope we continue to see how the many, many women called to preach the gospel are a gift to this Church, how their hard work and dedication to God's mission here has added immeasurably to the work of the kingdom, and how the work of accepting and encouraging women in ministry is ongoing, but is a vision of a brighter and more inclusive future for God's mission here.

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.

January 12, February 16, April 11 (Vigil), May 10 (Mother's Day), June 21 (Father's Day), July 12, August 16, September 13, October 18, November 15, December 20.

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

Council Meeting Minutes

December 3rd, 7pm

Present were: Pastor Lucas, Tom, Randy, Deb, Jill, Mike, Norris, Mary, Ann, Bruce, and Dawn. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf.

Pastor led us in devotions from Acts 16:6-15

Guest: Deb Emery from “CRU” which used to be called “Campus Crusade for Christ”. She shared several “God moments” with students and helping them come to Jesus and grow in their faith. Deb and/or her team go to school events to get to know the students. Eventually, setting up an after school bible study. She is hoping for monthly donation. Council made no decision to support at this meeting.

New Business: Council discussed the 2020 budget. Wages will be frozen for 6 months for all church employees. Debbie will find out from synod their recommendations for salary increases. Next month, council will discuss the disbursements for fairstand and lutefisk proceeds. First, making sure \$2500 to cover expenses for electricity, propane, insurance, supplies, etc. Second, annual dues of \$1250 paid to LPBC. (based on number of church members) Electric piano doesn’t want to stay connected to church sound system. Tom has made phone calls inquiring repair and will pursue to find answer.

Old Business: Wedding policy is updated and will be posted on the web site. Mike made a motion to approve. Norris 2nd. Congregation will be notified of the “churchwide” suggested constitution changes to be voted on at OSLC annual meeting which will be February 9, after worship.

Secretary’s report: Reviewed. Motion made to approve by Norris, second by Mike. Passed as written.

Treasurer’s report: \$ 14,687.30 in the designated account. \$22,257.45 is loan to general account from designated account. \$-6.11 in the general account. \$1940 was borrowed from designated account to pay bills this month. Motion made to approve by Mike, second by Randy.

Pastor’s report: see attached.

Youth report: see attached

Committee reports: Endowment. Council approved disbursements for 2020 distribution. Motion by Randy, 2nd by Mike. Property committee. The Christmas trees are decorated in sanctuary.

Conflict Detection: none

Motion to adjourn made by Mike. 2nd by Norris.

Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

The next meeting will be January 7 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Madsen.

Men In Mission meeting
December 21, 2019

After breakfast served by Brian Johnson, the business meeting was called to order by Pres. Lemoine Baker.

The secretary's report was read and approved. Clair explained that our proceeds from the Oyster Stew/Soup dinner will be going to Luther Point as start-up money for the Luther Point sponsored mission trip next summer.

Treasurer Chuck C. reported that we have \$2583 in the general fund, \$4023 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund, and \$3000 in the fair stand fund after forwarding \$10,026 to the church for outreach ministries from last summer's fair stand proceeds. The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business: A report from Donna said that the fundraising will be underway in January for the ballpark and the church well and septic, a goal being \$50,000. All necessary permits for the ballpark have been approved, and all steps taken have the full approval of the church council. The ballpark improvement committee consists of Bruce Place, Peter Falde, Tom Holdorf, and Donna Constant.

Concerns brought forward by Peter:

Bathroom maintenance should be established and followed through by the MIM.

Bathroom should be designed so it can be washed down with a garden hose.

Process for reserving and fee required should be set up.

Money for the project must be raised before the project is started.

The bathroom will be used for ballpark use only.

\$1300 was made at the candy walk, a good first time attempt.

Trees at the ballpark: Peter has talked with Wendell Lundgaard about planting trees early next spring. Possibly 3 or 4 trees on the west side towards the road... Maybe basswood. If the weather holds this winter, Peter and a few other men would like to cut down a few big pine trees by the playground to give younger trees a chance to grow.

The Oyster Stew/Soup dinner is December 29th. This is a Thrivent Action Team event and the \$250 given by Thrivent will almost pay for the oysters. Other expenses will be covered by the MIM.

New Business:

MIM will serve coffee on January 19th.

Gene Ostendorf volunteered to serve at our next meeting on Saturday, February 15th.

The meeting was adjourned. Ten members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Clair Severson

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND: For the month of January we will be collecting hamburger, tuna, chicken helpers along with canned tuna or chicken for the backpack program. Let's fill that cart up as well as those hungry little ones during the cold winter months. The coffee can in the grocery cart is also available if you want to give a monetary donation. That money is also used for purchasing food for the backpacks.

Thank You, Heather Johnson, Pauline Laughnan, and Sharon Peterson

THANK YOU



The Evangelism Committee would like to thank EVERYONE for their generous support of the Ellsworth Gift Box Program again this year. Whether you donated, wrapped, shopped, organized, or prayed for these families, your actions and service are much appreciated. We also want to thank Thrivent Financial for supporting us with Action Team money to be used toward our project.

Thank you to all who donated their old Christmas cards to be used for the ornaments on the tree - they are so beautiful when recycled in that way. I believe we have enough of them for a few years, but next year we will need more wrapping paper. So if you have leftover rolls that you don't want to store, bring them to the container next to the grocery cart and we will use them next year.

Heather Johnson, Pauline Laughnan, and Sharon Peterson

THANK YOU to all who partook in the Annual MIM Oyster Stew/Soup dinner. We were fortunate that the icy roads were confined to the day before the dinner. The proceeds, \$580, will be forwarded to Luther Point Bible Camp as start-up money for the mission trip they are sponsoring next summer. A special thanks to Thrivent for supporting us with \$250 towards our expenses. Thanks to all the cooks and the women who supplied us with after-soup treats.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark on your Calendar's: Our Saviors' Annual Meeting will be Sunday February 9th, 2020 Immediately following worship service, with the Cemetery Meeting immediately after annual meeting.

All February Newsletter items need to be turned into the Office no later than Monday January 20th.



Walking Together

"Practice Not Perfect"

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020

Davies Center - University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

7:00 - 9:00 Registration

\$25.00 Per Person (includes Lunch)

9:00-4:00 Event/Workshops



In Need of Prayer

Ann Siebenaler, Julie O'neil, Gary Johnson, Terry Evenson, Gerald Place, Dennis Anderson, Laura Kemmerer, Anna Walentowski, Michele Klennert, Betty Davidson, Alan Nelson, Zachery Caterer, Colleen Johnson, and Kristen Anderson. If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Lanette Place Pauline Laughnan	Money Counters Bruce Place Jim Chisholm					
			1 Happy New Year! No Choir Practice No Confirmation/ Aftershock	2	3	4
5 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15am SS Hour	6	7 7pm Council Meeting	8 6pm Choir Practice 6-7pm Youth Event Bingo at Atrium Post Acute Care Center	9	10	11
12 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	13 4pm Women's Bible Study	14	15 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation & Aftershock	16	17	18
19 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 SS Hour	20	21	22 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation & Aftershock	23	24	25
26 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15am SS Hour	27	28	29 8:30am Quilting 6pm Choir Practice 7-8pm Confirmation & Aftershock	30	31 Boys Night Out 4-9pm	February Money Counters Mary Straub Jim Chisholm

January 2020

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
Jan. 5 9:00 am	Jeanette/Warren Schade	Dawn/Brian Madsen Kay/Norris Berg	Shane Johnson Parker Peterson	Larry Peterson	Anthony Madsen	Lanette Place
Jan. 12 9:00 am	Lanette/Bruce Place	Jess/Josh Erlandson Paula/Jim Chisholm	Lexie Shelley Pearl Shelley	Sue Peterson	Taylor Peterson	Bruce Place Ann Young
Jan. 19 9:00 am	Katie/Gabe Feuerhelm Family	Brenda/Bob Winger Anita/Brad Johnson	Nora Feuerhelm Juliana Winger	Mary Halls	Omar Coulson	Brenda Winger Tom Holdorf
Jan. 26 9:00 am	Janelle/Brock Rasmussen	Crystal/Mark Raleigh Mary Halls, Peggy Hoyer	Raelyn Rasmussen Rhett Rasmussen	Brad Taplin	Shane Johnson	Clair Severson Rhoda Foley

Assisting Minister: Jan. 5 - Lanette, Jan. 12- Ann, Jan. 19 - Tom, Jan. 26 - Rhoda.

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.

Instructions for ministry positions are posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Rhoda Foley at 273-4865 or Pastor at 273-4570.