## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

### Newsletter

July 2023

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

<u>New Church Emails</u>— pastor.osbeldenville@gmail.com, office.osbeldenville@gmail.com, treasurer.osbeldenville@gmail.com, youthdirector.osbeldenville@gmail.com

Dear siblings in Christ,

This summer we have been taking a closer look at some of the Old Testament readings from Genesis. It's good that we do that from time to time, because we are rooted in God's story as told through God's people. We hear in Genesis about the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, and Rachel. We read these stories to get a picture of what kind of people God picks to share the good news of salvation with the world.

If you haven't read through Genesis before, this summer may be a good time to do it. I know it's not exactly a "beach read," but if you let yourself explore the characters, it is a fascinating book. See, Genesis is the story that tells the origins of the Jewish people. And normally, these kinds of origin stories would be filled with exemplars of ancestry, people who cast a shining light that makes up for all the mistakes of later generations. In other histories, the further back you go the more perfect the ancestors get. Genesis is not that.

Genesis tells us of a family filled with dysfunction. It tells us how Abraham, the first person to follow God and forsake all other gods, was an old man with foibles, with shortcomings, with doubts, with straight-up bad behavior. It tells of Sarah's bitterness poisoning the safety of Hagar and Ishmael. It tells us of Isaac and Rebekah who show naked favoritism to one or the other of their twin boys, basically sealing the fate for their children to come into conflict. It tells of Jacob utterly neglecting one of his two wives, meanwhile showing intense favoritism to Joseph and making him a target of his brothers' jealousy.

But it also tells about amazing acts of faith. Abraham left his home and everything he knew because he trusted God. It shows the joy and hope Sarah has in seeing God's faithfulness through Isaac. Eliezer leaned on God to find Isaac a wife, and found God to be faithful in it. Jacob struck a deal with God at Bethel, and asked God to protect him in his travels. Joseph believed God would take care of him even though disaster after disaster struck him.

The story we'll be hearing this summer is from Genesis, and the people in Genesis—our ancestors in the faith—remind us that the people of faith are not perfect, and in fact we are simultaneously saints and sinners! It reminds us that God uses imperfect people who will make mistakes, but who try to do the right thing and follow where God leads. In short, God calls real people, not one-dimensional ideals. What a blessing that scripture gives us the example of real people!

So while we try to do the right thing, let's not get caught up in where we fall short too often. Let's acknowledge the ways that we haven't lived up to God's call, and do our best to make it right. But all along, we are called to trust that God will still work in and through us to make the kingdom show up in our midst! And we can trust that because it's what God did through Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, and Joseph.

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.

July 16th, 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

## Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

#### June 6, 2023

Call meeting to Order: President Tim Wiff at 7 p.m.

Attending: Pastor Lucas, Tim Wiff, Audrey Severson, Patricia Peterson, Lanette Place, Donna Constant,

Ron Halverson, Mike Rehbein, Ann Young, Mark Jensen, John Traun

Absent: Debbi Pittman, Jill Rosenberry

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas read Psalm 145 and led a discussion of God Sightings.

New Business:

Money Counters for June & July: Mike & Ron, Tech Asst: Mike & Ron

Money not counted last Sunday will be counted by Patricia & Pastor this week.

Outdoor Worship: A joint church worship with all the ball team churches will be planned for the Tournament Sunday of July 30. Worship committee and two council members -Donna and Ann will help coordinate the worship service.

#### Old Business:

Fuel Budget: Chippewa Valley Gas does not offer a discount for nonprofits. A summer fill and prebuy will reduce the cost. John T. m/m and Mark s/m to order a summer fill and a pre-buy for the year. Twelve people have signed up to work at the FFA Tractor Pull as a fundraiser for the fuel bill.

Insurance: Tim has a quote from another insurance company and will talk with our present insurance rep to compare coverage prices.

Phone/Internet Service: Swift current put the connecting box in the wrong place. The council felt they should come out to retrench the fiber optic line to our designated place. This will delay our connection for internet service. We will start the process of getting a new email account with Google and gradually switch away from HBCI email. HBCI has limited the number of emails saved. A decision to use Swift Current phone service will be made at a future date after internet is set up.

Confirmation Update: After surveying parents of confirmands, they felt they would want the classes to remain at Our Savior's and not merge with English Lutheran. We will partner with English Lutheran once/month for a youth night.

Secretary's Minutes for May

Patricia m/m, Donna s/m to approve the May 2 council minutes. M/C

Treasusrer's Report
In Debbi's absence, the members reviewed the report.
Designated Account (with ball field funds) \$ 87,770.00
General Account \$ 3,286.43
Money Market \$33,398.15

John T m/m, John H s/m to accept the Treasurer's report as printed. M/C

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## Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

#### Pastor's Report

Pastor highlighted the activities of the month and his attendance at a conference at Luther Seminary.

The Synod at the last assembly asked the churches to adopt an acknowledgement of Native Lands statement to recognize the native tribes that first inhabited our area. We need to do an educational event to learn about the tribes. Pastor showed the handout that was attached to his emailed report for us to study before the next council meeting.

Donna mentioned she heard about a church that did a blessing of the motorcycles during worship and suggested we could do blessing of the tractors in the spring or fall.

Patricia m/m to accept Pastor's Report, Lanette s/m. M/C

#### Youth Report

Patricia reported 28 registered for joint VBS at English Lutheran June 12-15 after summer school classes until 3:30 p.m. The Mission Trip to South Dakota is July 9-15th with 4 participants. Two fundraisers are planned in July: Beldenville Old Car Club Pancake Breakfast Sunday July 23 and the Chris Kroeze Concert Friday, July 28. Volunteers are needed to help in our food stand on the fairgrounds those two days.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Evangelism Committee reported new member Sunday will be July 23. They are working on developing a guest registration card.

**Conflict Detection:** No comments were heard about publishing the weekly offering averages with the average expenses in the bulletin for the previous month. We will continue to put the average weekly donations for the previous month as well as what is needed to meet our budget.

As the next council meeting falls on July 4 holiday, there will be no meeting in July. Next council meeting will be Tuesday, August 1 at 7 p.m..

Adjournment: John T m/m to adjourn, Pastor Lucas s/m. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8::37 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary Audrey Severson

<u>The Church Council</u> has reviewed and compared property insurance coverage between the existing policy and a new company. The church council will be voting via email on this prior to July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE**



#### Hamburger Fund is up and running AGAIN!

The MIM has again jump-started the Hamburger Fund with a \$500 donation. Last year we raised about \$4,000 to help cut our costs at the fair. If hamburger costs \$5/pound this year, a \$5 donation will generate about \$15 to outreach ministries. Of course, this is completely voluntary and all contributors will be kept in complete confidence. Contributions should be written to MIM with HAMBURGER

FUND in the memo. Place in a marked envelope in the offering plate or give to Clair Severson. CHECKS ONLY! Thank you! Your generosity enables us to be a servant church in our community.



News from the Sunshine Crew: We celebrated our 1 Year Anniversary praising God for our many opportunities to spread sunshine throughout our community. In this first year we delivered over 40 floral bouquets, 30 meals, sent over 130 greeting cards, and provided transportation to folks. We delivered sweet Valentines, Christmas Cookies, and took all the fixins for ham and turkey Christmas dinners to 10 needy families. We got to have some great chats with dozens of friends: some recuperating, new parents, lonely, celebrating, homebound, grieving, and new residents. All this and more – we are a Blessed Bunch!

You know what would be really great? REALLY Great? 3 more people to join this amazing outreach ministry. Please consider becoming part of the Sunshine Crew. You won't regret it. You may contact Lanette Place: email – no1place@yahoo.com phone – 651.800.5461. Can't wait to hear from you.

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

## BABY CARE KIT ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS





mini or hotel-size bars



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

For the month of JULY we will be collecting; Cream Soups, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, 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

#### THANK YOU!

Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Thank You very much for the prayers and financial support you have provided me on my first year of seminary. This support is what makes it possible for me to follow God's call. Thank you and God Bless you, Donald Rosenberry III

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

#### **Education committee**

This committee supervises the education work in the congregation; including Sunday school, Vacation Bible school and areas that fall under Christian education. From starting off each year with energy and an interesting curriculum, to planning the annual Christmas program.

This committee has five members.

#### **Worship committee**

This committee is responsible for areas pertaining to worship, music, and assisting with communion.

They coordinate worship related areas - choir, special music, ushers, greeters, tech. assistants, acolytes, readers, bell ringers, assisting ministers, and organists. The committee includes the Pastor, musicians, council member and more lay people.



#### In Need of Prayer!

Brenda Wilson, Fred Hoyer, Dan Schmalstig, 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.

#### 2023 Ellsworth Church Softball League Schedule Games start at 7:00pm

Sunday, July 9 Living Water vs St. Mary's

Monday, July 10 Bethel vs C3

Tuesday, July 11 English Lutheran vs Zion Wednesday, July 12 Our Savior's vs St. Francis

Sunday, July 16 Living Water vs Our Savior's

Monday, July 17 Bethel vs Zion
Tuesday, July 18 C3 vs St. Mary's

Wednesday, July 19 English Lutheran vs St. Francis

Tournaments Sunday, July 30 Sunday, August 6

Please notify Donna or Clair if you cannot make a game

Donna Constant 715-307-0451 Clair Severson 715-821-3710

\*Volunteers needed to help with concession stand or scoreboard on the days that there is Church Softball Game. Schedule is listed above.

Find a date that works for you or your family to volunteer and enjoy a fun game of softball and some pie.

This wouldn't be possible without all of your help.

Contact Donna Constant 715-307-0451 or the church 715-273-4570 to get your name added to the volunteer list.

#### **Outdoor Worship Extravaganza:**

On Sunday, July 30th Our Savior's is having an Outdoor Worship Extravaganza starting at 10:00am.

More details will come in the next week.

They will be posted in the church bulletins and weekly announcement email.

# 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.



#### 2023 Pierce County Fair

#### Our Saviors Lutheran Church Food Stand

The 2023 Pierce County Fair is fast approaching. 2023 PC Fair is Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. As most of you know our fair stand is the biggest monetary contributor to outreach ministries for our church. This would not be possible without your help. We are so very thankful for each and everyone of you who help out throughout the fair, whether it be with soup making, pie making, cleaning the fair stand, being a chairperson for a shift, working a shift or two during the fair and all of our other behind the scenes people, YOU are appreciated!

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

The initial 2023 workers' schedule appears here in the July newsletter and it will be posted in the church kitchen as well. This will be the start of the 2023 fair workers' schedule that will be updated as changes are made. If you were not on the workers' schedule last year but are eager to help, please write your name in where you are available. General admission remains at \$5 and Senior Citizens admission on Friday is \$2.

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. You can also work more than 1 shift which would be great. If you are unable to work the shift you worked in the past and want to work a different shift, please let Clair know. He will be available during coffee hours after church or you can call him at 715-273-5019 or 715-821-3710. Megan has obtained confirmation of all shift chairpersons. (Thank You!) Eventually, the chairpersons will be making calls to workers on their shifts to verify if they are available to work. As we go along, I will try to fill in the gaps. MORE HANDS MAKE LESS WORK FOR ALL!

<u>Soup making</u> will take place on Wed. Aug. 9th starting at 5:00 p.m. Please stay to help with the cooling process. Once the soup is cooled it is delivered to the fair stand cooler. 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 will take place Wed. Aug. 9th, Thur. 10th, Fri. 11th, and Sat. 12th starting at 6:00 a.m. I have to say pie making is a unique process and we are well known as the place to come for pie at the fair. I'm amazed at the amount of pies that are made each day. Pie making contacts are:

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

A word about the worker's list: The final last year's 2022 Fair Worker's List appears here. if you were unable to work last year, I assume that you may be available this year so your name reappears on the list. If you are not on the list, please enter your name on the worker's list posted in the kitchen or contact Clair Severson.

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:	Paula Chisholm						
Pie:	Kay Berg						
Fry:	Steve Straub						
Workers:	Mike Rehbein Chase Unser						
Mary, Ruby Claire Straub	Dawn Madsen						
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:	Clair Severson						
Pie:	Sharon Seibel						
Fry:	Mike Allyn - Bill Bowen						
Workers:	Karissa Seibel	Mike Rehbein					
Joe Seibel	Katie Allyn Family						
John & Ariane Halverson	Katie Feuerhelm Family						
Debbie & Ed Pittman							
	6:30 pm to Closing						
CL .	1 10 1 745 070 0500	Mary Halls 715-273-3592					
Chairperson	Lori Coulson 715-273-3580	mhalls59@gmail.com					
Cashier	Kris Lechler						
Pie:	D 17 11 D 151 1						
Fry:	Brad Taplin - Brock Schulte	Mike Rehbein					
Workers:	Jerry Halls	Donna Constant					
Gayle Knight & family	Barry - Becky Johnson						
Shelly Schulte	Olivia Gavic						
Todd- Connie Girdeen Family	Dan & Nadalie Place						
Desirae Peterson	Holly Johnson						
Connor & Courtney Johnson	Beulah Gutting						

Janelle Rasmussen

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2023

9:30 am to 2:30 pm							
no1place@yahoo.com							
Chairperson:	Bruce & Lanette Place 651-800-5461						
Cashier:	Sue Peterson						
Pie:	Julie Jensen						
Fry:	Bob Winger/Mark Jensen						
Workers:	Pastor Lucas	Mishon Johnson					
	Eli Stockwell	Brenda Winger					
	Jodi & Tim Wiff	Julie Henthorne					
Kerry & Ross Christopherson	Gabe Rosenberry	Michael Chisholm					
Emily & Kyle Langer	Christi Edin & Sophie						
2:00 pm to 7:00 pm							
		sbmercord@gmail.com					
Chairperson:	Bob-Sheryl Mercord	715-307-4671					
Cashier:	Rhoda Foley						
Pie:	Peggy Hoyer						
Fry:	Nate Winger/Gabe Frandsen						
Workers:							
Amy/Chance Dumond family	Patricia Peterson						
Carla Radkey-Earney							
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	Julie Winger				
	Dawn Minder & Family Lily Young					
Roger Christopherson	Pam Hines					
Mark Kiefer	Darren & Lindsay Christopherson					
	Nora Christopherson					
2:00 pm to 7:00 pm						
Chairperson:	Megan Stockwell 715-821-6347 megankaystockwell@gmail					
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	Ron & Darlene Halverson				
Guy Stockwell & Eli	Cory & Renee Johnson					
Amy Rohl & George	Kendra Kinneman					
Isabelle Peterson						
	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	Patricia Peterson				
Chad Young	Leslie & Michael Young—Trinity					
Rolf Halverson	Julie Severson Norman family					

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2023

9:30 am to 2:00 pm					
Sharon Peterson 715-821-8676	petersons450@hotmail.com				
Brian Johnson/Brad Baker					
	Jim Chisholm				
Carl Hendrickson	Paula Chisholm				
Jenny & Abe Jahnke - Karli	Michael & Anne Chisholm				
Dave Raddatz					
2:00 pm to CLOSING					
Pauline Laughnan 715-273-4942	prlaughnan@hotmail.com				
Helen Anderson					
Sandy Ruikka					
Tom Place /Roger Laughnan					
Mike Peterson					
Nadia Thurmes					
Peter Falde					
Parker Peterson					
Bill Bowen to clean filters each i	morning.				
	Sharon Peterson 715-821-8676  Brian Johnson/Brad Baker  Carl Hendrickson Jenny & Abe Jahnke - Karli Dave Raddatz  2:00 pm to CLOSING  Pauline Laughnan 715-273-4942  Helen Anderson Sandy Ruikka Tom Place / Roger Laughnan  Mike Peterson Nadia Thurmes Peter Falde				

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!!!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Pauline Laughnan Lanette Place Money Counters/ Tech Assistants: Mike Rehbein Ron Halverson						1
2 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	3	4 Happy Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 7pm OS vs Bethel 2023 M	10 Mission Trip, Miss	11 ion, South Dakota	7pm Our Savior's vs St. Francis	13	14	8am MIM Meeting
9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour (Mission Trip Participants/ Parents) 7pm Our Savior's vs Living Water	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 New Member Service 6-11:30am Pancake Breakfast: Beldenville Old Car Show Youth Fundraiser 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour (New Member reception)	24	25	26 8:30am Quilting	27	7pm Chris Kroeze Concert Youth Fundraiser	29
30 Outdoor Extravaganza 10am Worship at Ballfield 11am Fellowship Hour/ Potluck Lunch 1pm Softball Tournament	31					

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server	Assisting Minister
July 2nd	Don & Jill	Matt Lundstrom	Wyatt Kirchner	Larry	Roger	Audrey	Rhoda
9:00am	Rosenberry	Mike Rehbein	Luke Lundstrom	Peterson	Laughnan	Severson	Foley
July 9th	Mark & Crystal Raleigh	Bruce Place	Dustyn Raleigh	Brad	Roger	Pauline	Lanette
9:00am	Megan & Guy Stockwell	Ron Halverson	Eli Stockwell	Taplin	Laughnan	Laughnan	Place
July 16th	Brian Johnson	Jake Knight	Breken Young	Mary	Roger	Audrey	Ann
9:00am	Mary Halls, Lori Coulson Mike Rehbein		Brody Flynn	Halls	Laughnan	Severson	Young
July 23rd	Gabe & Katie	Karli Foley-Nelson	Lucy Feuerhelm	Rhoda	Roger	Rhoda	Donald
9:00am	Feuerhelm	Ron Halverson	Ada Erlandson	Foley	Laughnan	Foley	Rosenberry
July 30th	Bruce & Lanette	Worship	Worship	Steve	Worship	Donna	Tom
10:00am	Place	At Ballfield	At Ballfield	Straub	At Ballfield	Constant	Holdorf

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