

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,

Feeding the hungry is so close to who we are as Christians that we hardly have to think about it. We see how Jesus feeds the hungry crowd of 5,000 men. We hear him commend the sheep to his right for feeding him when he was hungry. We listen when he commands us, through Peter, to “feed my sheep.” And at Our Savior's, we take feeding people very seriously, with our close relationship with the Food Pantry, our Fair Stand, and our Lutefisk Supper—not to mention the many meals we host for other events throughout the year.

But did you realize feeding people is an act of justice? And ensuring no one goes hungry is part of our calling as Christians?

Around the world, 821 million people—11% of humanity—face hunger or food insecurity. That's more than one in every ten people! What a calling we have to put our efforts into making that number zero! One of the most straightforward ways to combat hunger around the world and at home is to donate to organizations like the Food Shelf and ELCA World Hunger. These organizations are able to use dollars donated to buy in bulk food that feeds more people, and helps that number get smaller.

We passed a resolution at Synod Assembly that calls on all congregations in the Northwest Synod together to donate \$1,000,000 to hunger relief through ELCA World Hunger over the next three years. This would mean any giving—whether through our congregation in a special offering, at a coffee hour, or you sitting down to write a check out or giving online to help people in need—would count toward this goal. Our synod together already donates \$300,000 annually, which makes this goal completely doable. But donating to organizations that feed people isn't the only way that God calls on us to feed the hungry!

Justice in hunger would also look like eliminating the conditions where anyone could end up hungry. For example, remember how the schools were able to provide free lunch to every child in the school system during the early days of the pandemic? There is no reason we couldn't keep doing that. We could pressure policy makers to always provide free lunch (and why not free breakfast?) to all kids in our schools, reminding them that our tax dollars should be spent to eliminate childhood hunger forever. And I am certain the Spirit has given each of you ideas as well! Because remember, justice is what love looks like in public, and we are called to love our neighbors wherever we find them.

For more information on how we are called to enact justice for the hungry through our Synod, check out the website at nswi.org, and look at the “Social Justice & Advocacy” tab on the right. We are committed to doing justice—*mishpat*, *tsedekah*, and *shalom*—so that Jesus' call to feed the hungry will be answered through us.

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.

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

May 4, 2021

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

Attending: Sharon Seibel, Debbi Pittman, Randy Winger, Lanette Place, Jill Rosenberry, Mary Straub, Dan Place, Ann Young, Gabe Feuerhelm, Patricia Peterson, Pastor Lucas

Absent: Norris Berg, Bob Winger

Opening Devotions: Ann 2 Corinthians 1:1-7 The God of All Comfort

New Business:

Endowment Committee Disbursement Report

Scholarships- Tyler Schroeder \$400, Autumn Earney \$400, Hadyn Langer \$200, MIM camp scholarship \$50, MIM confirmation camp \$50

Adult/Families in Need- Pierce County Food Shelf \$100, Our Savior's Operation Christmas Child \$100, Turning Point \$100

Grants (Camp/Seminars)- Luther Point Bible Camp \$100, Journey House Campus Ministry \$100

Grants (Synod: ELCA)- ELCA World Hunger \$100, ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response \$100, ELCA Immigration and Refugee Service \$100

Review of Committee Duties and Responsibilities

Endowment- Okay as written.

Nominating- Okay as written.

Education- Add: Mailing out letters to Sunday School parents as a reminder of when SS will start. Yearly report for attendance and what education was taught. This will be in the annual report. Sunday School plans to meet weekly in the fall. They will sing every 5th Sunday.

Youth- Change to meet two twice a year, rather than monthly. At each meeting, there will be a check of expenses, rather than the end of the year, as requested by the audit committee.

Luther Point Bible Camp- A draft was completed.

Worship- will go over responsibilities next month

Stewardship- Added many sections including language on being stewards of the Earth and praying and helping others.

Property- will go over responsibilities next month.

Evangelism- will report next meeting.

May Money Counters- Jill and Patricia **June Devotions-** Lanette

Honor Graduates- May 16

9 Graduates. We will have coffee hour after church outside. Picnic tables will be brought over from the ballpark. Congregation is encouraged to bring a lawn chair just in case of overflow.

God's Work, Our Hands-May 23

We will work in the building, grounds, and ballpark. The jobs will be listed in the bulletin. If someone would like to head up a team to work at a congregant's house during yard work, that would be welcome.

Striping the parking lot-

The property committee is getting bids to resurface the lot and then re-striping will be worked on.

Pastor's Housing Allowance-

\$250 a month is being taken out of the Money Market account each month. The church treasurer suggests it comes out of the general budget instead. We will monitor the account to make sure it is feasible.

Wednesday Outdoor Worship Services-

Wednesday services will begin June 2, and continue until September 2. They will be at 6:30 pm. The Worship Committee recommends outdoor singing can happen. Masks will not be required, if a safe distance is kept.

Communion will be similar to Sunday worship, with plastic cups. Congregants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs if bench space runs out. **We are looking for a donation of an electric keyboard to be played during services.**

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Old Business:

Sound System Upgrade:

Brickhouse Music did a walk-through. We asked for bids from basic pulpit microphone and lapel fixes to a whole new sound system run off an I-pad, speakers in different places and the hub near the organ or in the cry room. We will have the bids by next meeting. We are also looking into possibly getting bids from other companies.

Report on After Worship Coffee Hours- We have had good attendance. There has been nice feedback from members. It feels like more back to normal.

Solar Panel Report- Jeff Olson will provide an updated report. The last one was 3 years ago. He recommends a production meter to know how much the panels are contributing, as it is difficult to tell that between upgrades to LED lighting and other cost-saving measures. We have a 4K system, which is small compared to the newer panels. We plan to have Jeff come out to explain the report.

Secretary's Report- Dan made a motion to accept as written. Sharon 2nd. MC

Treasurer's Report- Designated Account \$35,961.15; General Account \$2,151.58; Money Market \$74,058.69
Total: \$112,171.42

A \$2000 bill was paid for yard lights. Giving for April was about \$500 less than last April. Dan made a motion to accept the report as written. Patricia 2nd. MC

Pastor's report- Pastor Lucas is open to at-home visits. He can go into nursing homes. He will look into which hospitals he is able to visit.

Youth Report-

May 12-final day of SOS at the ballpark, weather permitting.

July 18-23 Youth Mission Trip at Luther Point Bible Camp. 9 participants (3 new additions)

July 23- Motocross fundraiser at the fairgrounds

July 25-Old Car Show pancake breakfast fundraiser at the fairgrounds.

No Vacation Bible School so far this summer

Motion to accept report by Lanette, Ann 2nd. MC

Committee Reports- none

Conflict Detection-

MIM have opened a new account and will close an old account. There have been some checks not cashed from the Designated account. In order to resolve this, those checks will be voided and new ones drafted.

Discussion of current events of the world and how it affects us.

Adjourn- Motion made to adjourn by Lanette, 2nd by Dan. MC

Closing Prayer

Next Council Meeting June 15.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Rosenberry

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

Join our 2021 Luther Point Summer Staff! We are hiring 40 young adults to help lead our summer programming and make an impact in their world. We are looking for Jr. and Sr. Counselors, Team Leaders, Maintenance Assistant, Media Master and a Summer Cook. Follow the links for a more detail on Job Descriptions and to **apply online today!**

Go to **Luther Point Bible Camp** or <https://lutherpoint.org/employment-opportunities>



As you are cleaning out closets and sorting winter outer wear, please remember that Basics for Local Kids has a collection box outside their building on the side street by Bo- Jos Flower shop in Ellsworth. We will not be collecting at church this spring, but all winter wear in clean, good condition can be dropped off at their location. Basics for Local Kids helped 715 kids with winter wear in 2020. Thank You Evangelism Committee



God's Work Our Hands ~ Spring Spruce Up 2021

“Shout happily to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord cheerfully.” Psalm 100:1-2

It was most gratifying to see so many cheerful servers last Sunday helping with the Our Savior's spring spruce-up and other activities. At best count, 50+ volunteers were reminiscent of a busy, busy ant farm. A truly heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined in doing God's Work with Your Hands.

Thank You To All Who SUPPORT OUR MISSION WITH eGIVING

If you don't currently consider making your contribution through our eGiving tools!
You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers these eGiving tool:

- Visit Our Savior's Lutheran Church Website. www.oursaviorschurch.info, Locate the give tab, and Donate!
 - Simply text your donation amount to **833-506-0632** and follow the instructions.
 - Download the free GivePlus App on your phone. Find our church by zip code **54003**.

Thank You:

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service would like to thank Our Savior's for it's generosity throughout the year of 2020. Our Savior's support is so important and is truly making a difference in the lives of those they serve during these most critical times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grab and Go Meals: The Ellsworth Community School District will again distribute grab and go meals for Ellsworth School District Families at Our Savior's, Bay City Post Office, and Senior High School. Meals will be distributed on Monday's and Wednesday's from 11am-12:30pm. The Dates; June 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st and 23rd. Please complete the survey for the months of July and August by Friday June 28th for needed meals.

<https://forms.gle/Dqy6Dy8urcHgCXX7>

Out-Door Worship Service: Starting Wednesday June 2nd Our Savior's will offer out-door Worship Service every Wednesday night at 6pm. You are invited to bring a camping chair and sit 6ft apart, and **YOU CAN SING!**

These services will run until the week of August 2nd the week prior to Labor Day.

NO Out-door Service Wednesday June 9th.

2021 Ellsworth Church Softball League Schedule

Sunday June 6	Our Saviors vs Zion		
Monday June 7	Crossroads vs St Mary's		
Tuesday June 8	Abundant Life vs Living Waters	Sunday June 27th	Our Saviors vs. St Francis
Wednesday June 9	St Francis vs Bethel	Monday June 28 th	Bethel vs Crossroads
		Tuesday June 29 th	St Mary's vs Abundant Life
Sunday June 13	Living Waters vs Crossroads	Wednesday June 30 th	Living Waters vs Zion
Monday June 14	Zion vs Abundant Life		
Tuesday June 15	Bethel vs Our Saviors	Sunday July 11	Bethel vs St Mary's
Wednesday June 16	St Mary's vs St Francis	Monday July 12	Abundant Life vs Our Saviors
		Tuesday July 13	Crossroads vs Zion
Sunday June 20	Zion vs St Mary's	Wednesday July 14	St Francis vs Living Waters
Monday June 21	Abundant Life vs Bethel		
Tuesday June 22	Crossroads vs St Francis	Sunday July 18	Zion vs St Francis
Wednesday June 23	Living Waters vs Our Saviors	Monday July 19	Abundant Life vs Crossroads

Calling all Softball Fans! Games have started this year and I am looking for help in the concession stand and score keeping. This is a great way for all High School Youth to earn volunteer hours.

There is a sign-up sheet posted at Church or reach out to Donna Constant at 715-307-0451

2 games played each night, Games are 7 innings.

Concessions available on site.

Bring the family and enjoy the evening

Let's play ball, make new friends and enjoy the pie!!!!!!

*Rain make up games week of July 25 thru 28th

*Tournament set for July 30, 31 and August 1st with back up for August 6, 7 and 8th.

Managers

Our Saviors	Dan Place	715-307-0304
Crossroads	Adam Christiansen	715-307-0002
St John's	John Woehrle	715-821-8724
Bethel	Sheldon Johnson	715-821-7890
St Mary's	Jay Loe	715-410-8176
Living Waters	John Hinrichs	715-307-1709
Zion	Diane Johnson	715-296-1066
Abundant Life	Shannon Bauer	715-338-6755

Games start promptly at 7 pm

Our Savior's Youth News ~ June 2021



S.O.S. Kids Crew – May 2021

BROKEN
&
Blessed
Summer 2021
Theme

Don't Miss Out on Summer Camp!

Register online at lutherpoint.org.

Pay only the required down payment. Luther Point will bill you for the remaining amount after your discounts and the MIM half has been deducted.

Blessing of the High School Graduates

Wherever our seniors may go, Lord, may the warmth which these quilts provide, remind them of their church home and their brothers and sisters in Christ and that they will never be alone for You have promised to be with them always in your Word and Sacraments and in the fellowship of the Holy Christian Church. Amen



June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Carron Parmeter Kathy Young Money Counters: Bob Winger		1	2 6pm Outdoor Worship	3	4	5
6 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 7pm OS vs Zion	7	8	9 NO Outdoor Worship	10	11	12
13 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 10am Fellowship Hour	14	15 7pm Council Meeting 7pm OS vs Bethel	16 6pm Outdoor Worship	17	18	19
20 Father's Day 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 10am Fellowship Hour	21	22	23 6pm Outdoor Worship 7pm OS vs Living Waters	24	25	26
27 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 7pm OS vs St Francis	28	29	30 8:30am Quilting 6pm Outdoor Worship			

In-Person Worship: As we continue to see falling cases of COVID, and more and more of our members receiving the vaccine. The Council has agreed to open up the church for worship. We still require that everyone wears a mask and participates in social distancing. Drive-in and live stream will still be an option.

Outdoor Coffee Hour: Council has agreed to allow outdoor coffee hour after Worship on Sundays with weather permitting. Please practice social distancing. With limited seating, feel free to bring your lawn chairs. Come and enjoy some good old fellowship.

In Need of Prayer!

Mary Jo Bjork, Herb Nelson, Scott Kiefer, Dave Radatz, Katrina Platt, Jim Hauschildt, Calvin Boe, Ron Mireau, Shirley Nickel, Lu Johnson, Nancy Hove, Della Larson, Judie Goodwin, Mark Kiefer, Tom Dachel, Anna Walentowski, 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@hbcj.com



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