

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

June 2023

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

Summer is a wonderful time of the year! In the next few months we get to see the wonderful greenery and life of God's creation. When we've had a long winter (like this past winter—my goodness!), it makes us appreciate the wonder and light of summer even more. I know that many of y'all will be taking vacations and road trips, going to the cabin up north, or occasionally hearing the siren song of a beautiful morning. And I encourage y'all to do so—to enjoy God's creation.

And there are so many wonderful ways that we can witness God's work in the summer! When you see the sparkling water of the Rush River calling you to get out your fishing gear, you can hear the echo of God's words: "let the waters teem with fish." And when you feel the breeze that cools you after a beautiful hike, you can hear the scripture say "God causes the east wind to blow in the heavens." And even when you go out to enjoy a warm summer night, you can remember where it says, "the Lord dwells in thick darkness."

There are even ministries that we can take part in during the summer. Each week there are ballgames, bringing together church people who may not have any other significant connection to their congregation, praying and playing together! Part of that ministry is meeting people at the concession stand and running the scoreboard—great ways to help foster that community that a ballgame creates. We get together after worship on the first Sunday this month for our God's Work Our Hands Service Sunday, where our mission takes us out of the sanctuary to serve others. And later in the summer, our summer ministry continues at the Fair as we serve others with burgers and pies! God gives us this wonderful time of year and gives us ministries along with it.

And sometimes, I understand, the call of creation can be so strong that it takes you away from Sunday worship. Sometimes God's creation begs your awe first! And in years past, that would mean missing out on worship in the sanctuary, exchanging worship with the people of God for worship with the creation of God. But with technology, you don't have to miss out! When the cabin calls, or the sunshine pulls you away, remember that you can still connect with the congregation by worshipping online at any time. Remember that God goes with you, so when you come back and you share the ways you saw God in nature, it will be like you never missed a Sunday!

Enjoy God's creation, people of God. Enjoy the ministries of summertime. They're full of wonder and beauty and the handiwork of our Creator!

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 18th, July 16th, August 13th, September 17th, October 15th**

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.  
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# Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

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

**Attending:** Debbi Pittman, Jill Rosenberry, Pastor Lucas, Lanette Place, Donna Constant, Ron Halverson, Mike Rehbein, Tim Wiff, Audrey Severson, Ann Young

**Absent:** Mark Jensen, Patricia Peterson, John Traun

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Lucas lead a discussion of God Sightings and Psalms 113.

## New Business:

**Approve Agenda:** Lanette made a motion, seconded by Donna to approve the May 2, 2023 agenda. M/C

**Money Counters & Tech Asst:** May-Jill & Ann June- Mike & Ron

**AED Updates:** Both AEDs have new batteries and are running properly. The basement AED will be moved to the ballfield. Child and adult pads are needed soon. Patricia will reorder them.

**Swift Current fiber optics installation:** The box is on the building near the tech area. We may need new emails for the secretary and pastor. Pastor will look into keeping their emails. We will also look into a landline with them and check into the elevator phone line.

## Old Business:

**Budgeting for Insurance Premium and Fuel Costs:** We will be meeting with a representative from a new insurance company and our current company to see what they offer. **Fuel account:** Money from working at the Cheese Curd Fest and FFA Truck pull. We will see if Chippewa Valley will give a discount for a "Church rate" and check summer fill rates.

**Church Directory Update:** We are scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, September 21-23, 2023 to have Universal Church Directories take photos. Each family that sits for a photo will receive an 8x10 photo and a directory. On July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am, there is a two-hour planning meeting. We will need two volunteers to help.

**Credit Based Confirmation Classes:** Pastor met with English Lutheran and SVEA to partner up for classes in order to have more pastors to teach classes. All classes will take place at English Lutheran to be a more central location.

## **Secretary's Report-**

Jill made a motion, seconded by Lanette, to approve the April 4, 2023 council meeting minutes as presented by Donna. M/C

## **Treasurer's Report-**

Designated Account \$88,906.23\*

General Account \$1,464.67

Money Market \$33,360.45

Total: \$123,731.35

\*Note: \$48,024.96 of the Designated Account is from fundraising for the ballfield.

It was decided to put in the bulletin the average weekly donations for the prior month, as well as the average needed per week to meet our budget.

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

**Pastor's report-** Pastor Lucas highlighted the special Holy Week services and Affirmation of Baptism service. OSLC church received a Bright Spot Award at the Synod Assembly for our book study the church council took part in and the changes in confirmation classes. Pastor Lucas' full report is on file.

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## **Youth Report-**

Patricia provided a printed report highlighting upcoming events. The full Youth Report is on file.

## **Committee Reports-**

**Evangelism Committee:** On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 81 lunches were packed to pass out to area farmers. New Member Sunday is coming up.

**Stewardship Committee:** There are plastic sleeves at each pew to hold the electronic giving cards. Money counters will need to replace them each week.

**Property Committee:** Very busy. The following either will or has happened: put GFI outlets in the kitchen, stripe the parking lot, paint a wall in the kitchen, put in a new top on the work counter in the kitchen, wax the kitchen and fellowship floors, replace the door latch to the kitchen/dining room, run a separate circuit to the chest freezer. We will hold off painting another section of the church to see how the previous section holds up in the weather. God's Work Our Hands is June 4<sup>th</sup>. **Lighting Updates:** Around 122 new energy efficient bulbs have been put in. A dusk til dawn light will be put in for the flagpole. \$120 for lights was donated at a coffee hour. We will also get a rebate from the bulbs. **Prayground:** is still in discussion.

Next meeting- Discuss an Outdoor service at the ballfield and invite other congregations.

**Conflict Detection-** Look at step outside front door. Should there be some striping to show the short step?

**Adjourn-** Ron made a motion, seconded by Ann, to adjourn at 8:40 pm. M/C

**Closing Prayer-**The Lord's Prayer

**Next Council Meeting: June 6, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted by Jill Rosenberry

## *Support Our Mission with eGiving*

This Season, consider making your gifts using our eGiving tools. Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers online: [www.oursaviorschurch.info](http://www.oursaviorschurch.info) "give" tab  
Text-to-Give: 833-506-0632.



**Men In Mission Meeting**  
**May 20th, 2023**

Breakfast served by Tim Wiff and Clair Severson  
Devotions by pastor Lucas

After Lemoine Baker requested that he retire from the presidency, elections were held for president and vice-president.

Motion made by Clair/Dave Jordahl to elect Mike Rehbein as Men in Mission president. Carried.

Motion made by Brian Johnson/Ron Halverson to elect Tim Wiff as vice-president. Carried.

We want to thank Lemoine for his many years of faithful service as president of MIM.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Reporting for treasurer Tom Holdorf, Clair reported that we have \$4477 in the Luther Point Bible Camp Fund, \$4462 in the fairstand fund, and \$2652 in the general fund. Clair reported that we made \$658 at the pancake breakfast. Proceeds were given to the Pierce County food pantry. The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Clair reported that he had checked with Barry Stockwell following his rental of the cooler for the Stockwell pancake breakfast. Barry said everything worked well. He is sending his \$100 donation to the church.

We have not had a workday yet for the ballpark. We will be doing something there on GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS Sunday. As I write this, the well digging has been completed. The Country has rolled the field. All foul lines, fences and the playground area have been sprayed. The sorta-potty has been ordered. The church softball league started play on Sunday, May 21st.

New Business:

Donna reported on the ballpark project progress: All needed permits have been obtained. We will be installing electricity to the playground area so it will be more accessible for future events and it will be lit. Several trips have been made to Heartland in Shakopee to get cabinets, microwaves, bathroom fixtures, sinks, tables, etc. Heartland is operated by the Hosanna Churches as a mission to the community. All spray foam has been donated.

Donna mentioned that a member has asked to use the ballpark for a graduation. Currently the rental fee for members is \$50. Motion made by Dpnna/Dave J. that we keep the fee at \$50 for members. The fee for nonmembers was tabled. Beer and wine are allowed. No hard liquor.

Clair asked if the MIM would kick off the fair's hamburger fund with a donation of \$500 as they did last year. Motion made by Tim W./ Dave J. that the MIM donate \$500 to the fund. Carried.

MIM will serve coffee on June 18th.

Next MIM meeting is July 15th with Donna and Ron serving.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



### God's Work Our Hands ~ Spring Spruce Up 2023

Calling all members, families, friends, and neighbors to join us on  
**Sunday, June 4, 2023!**

We have many opportunities to serve God with OUR hands and OUR hearts. Kids and youth are strongly encouraged to be a part of this day. The event will begin immediately following our worship service and will conclude with a lunch.

#### Projects already planned are:

Cemetery Work	Ball Park Maintenance
Light Landscaping and Mulching	Perennial Garden Cleanup
County Rd N Ditch Cleanup	Sunday School Supply Organization
Serve lunch (Funded by Thrivent)	Greeting Card Mailing

Thank you to the committed project leaders and to all who are able to help out. Please join us on Sunday, June 4, 2023 for a morning of doing God's work with your Hands. *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

In Christ, Bill Bowen, Bruce Place, Mike Allyn & Tim Wiff  
Property Committee



Our Savior's is asking Family and Friends of our Congregation to sign-up for a shift or multiple shifts on behalf of Our Savior's.

All the funds received will be put towards the fuel cost which continues to grow each year.

Bringing in outside money to help with this expense allows us to share more with outside mission projects.

Thank You for your support!

Contact Donna Constant with any questions.

\*Choose Our Savior's Lutheran Church as your organization. Last year with just a few volunteers we were able to get \$320.00 donated to Our Savior's.

It's about that time again – for the biggest Cheese Curd Party on both sides of the Mississippi! Engagement and interest on Facebook is already showing that our fans are excited, too! And did you hear? The readers of the USA TODAY voted for the Top 10 'Best Specialty Food Festivals' in the country and our Cheese Curd Festival came in at #10!! It will take a lot of manpower to pull this off – and that's where you come in. To pull off a Festival of this magnitude we need about 300 volunteers over the course of the weekend. As they say, "it takes a Village."

**Save the Date! Friday and Saturday, June 23-24, 2023!**

The Cheese Curd Volunteer Program: Base pay to your non-profit organization is \$10/hour. Then, based on the success of the Festival, we will pay out a "profit-sharing bonus" on top of that.

Since 2016, the Cheese Curd Festival has donated almost \$100,000 back to local non-profit organizations through our volunteer program!

**SIGNUP LINK: <https://signup.com/go/ChFsoin>**



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

For the month of **JUNE** we will be collecting; **Instant Mashed Potatoes, Powdered Milk, Ramen Noodles, and Pudding Mix.** 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

**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:

**Audit Committee:**

The Audit Committee audits all financial records of the church. At the annual meeting they present their summary report with a written report to the council. The audit committee has two members.

**Youth Committee:**

This committee's role is to promote and guide youth activities. Finding ways to involve the life of the congregation as well as assessing the needs of the youth. Getting youth involved and participating in worship services, suppers, and fair stands. In addition assisting the Youth Director in planning events such as: mission trips, confirmation meals, bible studies, Easter egg hunt, fundraisers and service events.

**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of the Evangelism Committee, we wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the "Feed Our Farmers" project a huge success. We packed and delivered 81 sack lunches for farmers. A special thanks to the following businesses who donated toward this project: Ellsworth Coop Creamery, Nilssen's Grocery, Holiday Stores and Walmart. Thank you everyone!!



The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to our spring drive for Basics for Local Kids. We collected 1 pair of slippers, 2 pairs of mittens, 4 hat/mitten sets, 3 pairs of boots. 6 coats, 42 Hats, and \$100! All donations were dropped off with Basics for Local Kids in mid-May, where they'll be stored for distribution to Local kids this fall. Thank you for your support!

Thank you Our Savior's for the gift of \$283.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. The glory of god shines through you. In Christ, Amanda White.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Men in Mission, We would like to than you for the recent gift of \$658.00 from the pancake breakfast to our organization. We appreciate your continued support for our mission as we support Pierce County residents' quality of life by providing equitable access to food and resources. Heidi Albarado, Pierce county Food Pantry coordinator

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

<b>Sunday, June 4</b>	Zion vs Living Waters
<b>Monday, June 5</b>	C3 vs English Lutheran
<b>Tuesday, June 6</b>	St. Mary's vs <b>Our Savior's</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 7</b>	Bethel vs St. Francis
<b>Sunday, June 11</b>	<b>Our Savior's</b> vs Bethel
<b>Monday, June 12</b>	St. Francis vs Living Waters
<b>Tuesday, June 13</b>	Zion vs C3
<b>Wednesday, June 14</b>	English Lutheran vs St. Mary's
<b>Sunday, June 18</b>	Bethel vs Living Waters
<b>Monday, June 19</b>	<b>Our Savior's</b> vs English Lutheran
<b>Tuesday, June 20</b>	St. Francis vs C3
<b>Wednesday, June 21</b>	Zion vs St. Mary's
<b>Sunday, June 25</b>	St. Mary's vs St. Francis
<b>Monday, June 26</b>	C3 vs Living Waters
<b>Tuesday, June 27</b>	English Lutheran vs Bethel
<b>Wednesday, June 28</b>	Zion vs <b>Our Savior's</b>
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	Living Water vs St. Mary's
<b>Monday, July 10</b>	Bethel vs C3
<b>Tuesday, July 11</b>	English Lutheran vs Zion
<b>Wednesday, July 12</b>	<b>Our Savior's</b> vs St. Francis
<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	Living Water vs <b>Our Savior's</b>
<b>Monday, July 17</b>	Bethel vs Zion
<b>Tuesday, July 18</b>	C3 vs St. Mary's
<b>Wednesday, July 19</b>	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.

# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Guilds:</b> Peggy Hoyer, Mary Halls <b>Money Counters/                      Tech Assistants:</b> Mike Rehbein Ron Halverson				1	2	3
<b>4 GWOH's</b> 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	5	6 7pm Council Meeting  7pm OS vs St. Mary's	7	8	9	10
11 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 7pm OS vs Bethel	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Vacation Bible School 12-3:30pm @ English Lutheran</b>						
<b>18 Happy Father's Day</b> 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	19 7pm OS vs English Lutheran	20	21	22	23	24
25 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	26	27	28 8:30am Quilting 7pm OS vs Zion	29	30	

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server	Assisting Minister
<b>June 4th</b>	Barry & Becky Johnson	Karli Foley-Nelson Mike Rehbein	Isaac Yunker Grayson Jensen	Amy Parmeter	Roger Laughnan	Bruce Place	Lanette Place
<b>June 11th</b>	Bob & Brenda Winger	Chase Unser	Brody Flynn Maddie Constant	Peggy Hoyer	Roger Laughnan	Donna Constant	Rhoda Foley
<b>June 18th</b>	Lori Coulson Mary Halls	Luke Knight Mike Rehbein	Wyatt Kirchner Matt Lundstrom	Clair Severson	Roger Laughnan	Pauline Laughnan	Donald Rosenberry
<b>June 25th</b>	Bruce Place Brian Johnson	Ada Erlandson	Marti Allyn Sophia Edin	Rhoda Foley	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley	Tom Holdorf

***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!**



Mike Dahl, Dean Mewes, Bev Kiefer, 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.



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