

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

June 2025

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

When I was still attending seminary, I got to go out of the country for the first time. It wasn't, however, for a vacation, or a sightseeing tour. I went on a mission trip to Honduras. I went along with about a half-dozen of my classmates and one of our professors to spend a week in a remote mountain village helping to assemble concrete blocks to build houses and help distribute medicine at a makeshift clinic. It was a deeply moving experience, and it affected me so much that I would go on two more mission trips while at seminary—both to Haiti, and both very meaningful in their own ways.

Before leaving, however, we had four or five meetings where we were expected to read through a book about where we were going and what we were doing. Our professor, Dr. Bell, was a no-nonsense theologian who did not accept fluffy answers, which made those discussions tough. But he stressed that he wanted this to be more than just a one-off week where we went down, did some good work, and came back feeling better about ourselves. He wanted us to understand what God was doing with us in the process. It's why, at the end of the trip, we were required to write an essay on our reflections.

It took me a long time (part of why God sent me three times, I think), but I eventually came to realize what I was meant to learn from this experience. The global poor are not a special category of people, separate from myself. The poor, just generally, are not a separate category of human being. They are just like me, separated only by circumstance. But that circumstance gave them an insight into the world that I did not get living where I lived and being who I was. I realized that I was getting a lot more from these encounters than the supposed recipients of my charity.

We require our confirmands to attend either a mission trip or a week of camp in order to be confirmed. A lot of them will opt for the mission trip, getting to go to a distant place and feel good serving people in need. But every year, I'm glad to say, they don't come back with that same attitude. They experience the people they are serving as people who are serving them, too. Sometimes it's in the form of having lemonade and a conversation ready each day they went to their job site. Sometimes it's that their host gives them insight into faith that they simply didn't have. Sometimes it's the reality of seeing just what helping others can do to change who you are.

When we serve others, I think it's important for us to always pay attention to how they are serving us, too. God doesn't put us in the path of the needy so that we can feel better about our situation, or appreciate our blessings in life, or even grant us the good feeling of accomplishing some good by serving others. Instead, I think God puts us in the path of the needy to open our eyes to the wholeness of humanity. Those people we serve are people, just like us. They are sinners and saints, just like us. They don't want pity and charity; they want dignity and a helping hand. We serve because God has called us together to show the world what community looks like.

So when we send our kids off on their mission trip this month, and you are asked to pray for them each day, remember to pray that they have their eyes opened. Pray that they will see their hosts as human beings who have something to share with them, as much as they have something to share with their hosts. Pray that God will move among them and reveal the holy work of growing in love together.

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 15th, July 13, August 17th,

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

May 06, 2025

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

Attending: Donna Constant, Ron Halverson, Mike Rehbein, Tim Wiff, Julie Winger, Patricia Peterson, Mark Jensen, Steve Straub

Absent: Pastor Lucas, Debbi Pittman, Sue Palmquist

Opening Devotions: Steve, in in place of Pastor Lucas, led Devotional. Psalm 23.

New Business:

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Updated constitution wording to be emailed to the council for a vote. A date is to be set for the congregation to receive for their review and set a date for the congregation to vote on the changes.

Church Property Injury

Motion to reimburse the \$700 out of pocket medical expenses by Donna, seconded by Julie, M/C.

CD Matured

A 1-year CD matured at Edward Jones.

Motion to renew CD at Edward Jones by Steve, seconded by Patricia, M/C.

Old Business:

FFA Tractor Pull, Saturday, June 7th, 4 PM to 8PM.

Summer Fun, East End Park, Thursday, August 21st.

Elevator Phone

Account opened at Rath to facilitate order of cellular gateway. Waiting on response from Verizon business representative regarding providing cell service on gateway and estimate of monthly cost. Order will be placed once assured the device is Verizon capable and monthly cost is less than \$60. Order to be placed for uninterrupted power supply (UPS).

Gateway estimate is \$690.00

UPS estimate is \$100

Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve Secretary's Report as corrected by Ron, seconded by Julie, M/C.

Treasurer's Report:

Designated Account \$52,085.23

General Account \$-798.66

Money Market \$35,934.29

Total \$87,220.86

CCF CD \$51,239.73

The Edward Jones CDs account: \$169,508.31

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

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Pastor's report:

Participated in the Moses Project weekly projects.

Visited and provided communion to shut-ins and members at the care center.

Holy Week: Our remembrance of Jesus's final week of his earthly ministry told the story again! After our Maundy Thursday dinner worship, ecumenical Good Friday service, Easter Vigil, and Easter celebration.

Affirmation of Baptism:

Five of our young people will be affirming their faith this coming month. It always impresses me the way that our youth can be so thoughtful and engaged in their faith, and I credit Patricia enormously with their ability to distill their confirmation experience by having them dig deep for their faith statements.

Softball:

The season is starting soon! I am excited for us to begin this wonderful summer ministry and the good that it does for all who participate. I would like to see more volunteers to help man the concessions stand, because it is truly a positive experience for all who do it.

Motion to approve Pastor's Report as presented in writing by Julie, seconded by Ron, M/C.

Youth Report:

Youth Fundraisers:

Cinnamon Roll Sunday, April, \$360.00 (Maddi Constant)

Palm Sunday Brunch, \$501.00

Envelope Fundraiser, March \$1,804.00, May \$561.00 Total of \$2,365.00

A Huge Thank you! The total cost for a Mission Trip with 9 participants is \$4,932.00.

Thank you all again for your Generosity & Prayers!

Please keep the 2025 Confirmands in your prayers as they begin their own faith journey. Martha Allyn, Nora Christopherson, Madalyn Constant, Dustyn Raleigh, Chase Unser.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 18th, Honor High School Graduates and Presentation of Quilts.

Derek Johnson, Delaney Johnson, Ava Kolodzienski, Mary Lundstrom, Gabbi Parmeter, Andi Peterson and Lily Young.

Monday, June 16th – Thursday, 19th, Vacation Bible School for 4YK – 5th grade at English Lutheran. Our Saviors is teaming up with English Lutheran, and Eidsvold-Svea. Lesson plan by Eidsvold and staff from Luther Point Bible Camp.

Sunday, June 22nd – Saturday, June 28th, 2025, Mission Trip, Ashby, MN.

Our Savior's will donate \$285.00 for first time participant going on a Mission Trip!

Motion to approve Youth Report by Mark, seconded by Ron, M/C.

Committee Reports:

Endowment Committee

The 2013 constitution was the last version that included wording regarding the endowment committee.

The missing wording was found and added back to the constitution.

Accounting methods are being improved.

Conflict Detection: Visits and Pastoral Care, discussion.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Donna, seconded by Ron, M/C.

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: June 03, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Rehbein

May 17.2025 - Men In Mission Meeting

After breakfast prepared by Donna Constant and Dave Jordahl, the business meeting was called to order by president Mike Rehbein.

Clair read the secretary's report. Motion made by Dave/ Donna to approve. Discussion about the timing of the pancake breakfast. This year there was no choice but to have it on the first Sunday after Easter. Attendance was low. We raised \$500 to the Pierce County Food Pantry. Last year we raised over \$1000. We decided not to have fruit cocktail next year. There were questions as to the frequency of fund raisers.

Reporting for treasurer Tom Holdorf, Clair said we have \$4401 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund, \$5686 in the fair stand fund, \$4017 in the general fund, and \$639 in the ball park fund.

Motion by Bruce P./ Dave J. to approve.

We have received \$100 from Barry Stockwell for cooler rental. He lost one of the padlocks. Bruce will purchase a padlock for the trailer hitch and we will bill Barry.

Old Business:

A fence encloses the playground for tots on the north side of the concession stand. Once again, the Frandsen's have volunteered to mow the ball park. Fences have been sprayed. There was discussion on how to protect the septic vent in the middle of the parking area. The fair will not lend out bleachers for the old timer's tournament. Two porta-potties will be available.

There have been 2 rentals of the ball park. These rentals go thru Donna. Cooler rentals thru Patricia in the church office.

At the coach's meeting, it was decided that each team will provide a score keeper, to be trained in by us. There are eight teams with C3 fielding two teams. We will play two double headers on Sunday, at 4:00 and 7:00. Double headers Monday and Tuesday evenings.

New Business:

The MIM will help the youth committee serve coffee tomorrow, May 18th as it is celebration for graduating seniors.

MIM will serve coffee on June 22nd.

The next MIM meeting is July 12th with Bruce Place and Clair serving.

Motion to adjourn by Brian/ Dave.

Six members present.

Minutes submitted by secretary Clair Severson

Support Our Mission with eGiving

This Summer, prayerfully consider making your gifts using our eGiving tools.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers online:
www.oursaviorschurch.info "give" tab

Text-to-Give: 833-506-0632.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **JUNE** we will be collecting;

Feminine Products, Cream Soup, Baked Beans, and Canned Meats

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,

call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive

sponsored by your family or organization.

Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.



2025
Preferred Senior Living
&
Ellsworth Health Services
Worship Schedule for Our Savior's
Wednesday July 23rd
1:30pm Preferred Senior Living,
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services
October 15th,
December 10th, November 13th

In Need of Prayer!

Doris Coulson, Joy Lynn George, Jeff Kerg, John Traun, Ethel Glampe, Chris Nelson, Sue Palmquist, Tony Murphy, Carol (Raehsler) Gregg, Alan Winberg, Bob Dahm, Terryl Florcek, Dean Mewes, John Paape, and Kristen Anderson. The men and women that are deployed; Iain 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 church office.



Global Missions of the ELCA

Over 240 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world, invited by global church partners to work together hand-in-hand. Positions fall into 4 categories: Long term of 4 or more years, Global Mission of 2 years, Volunteer professionals, or Young Adults in Global Mission of one year.

Some are doctors in rural areas. Others teach children where there are few opportunities to go to school, or work in seminaries that prepare pastors and future church leaders. Others support, nurture and preach in some of the fastest growing Lutheran congregations in the world. And still others are young adults, engaging in a life-changing, year-long experience through the Young Adults in Global Mission. No matter where or how they serve, every one of these missionaries needs our prayers, support and gifts to succeed in their work. Our gifts to the ELCA connects us directly to these missionaries. We can make their life-changing ministry happen to grow the Lutheran church around the world.

CRAFT WORKSHOP

June 14, 2025
10 am - 12 pm



Planter box similar to this



Garden solar light painted your way

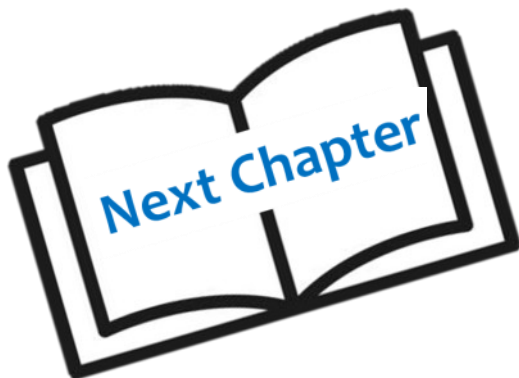
This workshop is FREE.
There is no cost for materials and supplies.

All ages are welcome.

Children under 10 must be with an adult.

To ensure we have enough supplies,
RSVP by June 10
by email: churchoffice@spuccellsworth.org
or phone: 715-273-3118.

St. Paul's UCC W5706 St Road 72 Ellsworth WI



Next Chapter / Knot Alone: All who have lost a partner are invited to join in the fun. If you have any questions please call Donna at 715-307-0451.

The next meeting is Saturday June 14th at 9am at Broz Bar in East Ellsworth. They have planned a trip to Chanhassen Dinner club to see Grease on 9/2 and reservations have been made for 20 so far. Please let Donna Constant know if you want to go. Many other outings are being looked at and everyone is enjoying the friendship and company.



Operation Christmas Child has announced that we can no longer send soap in our shoeboxes. We wanted you all to know this, since some of you purchase items for the boxes all year round. Thank-you, Peggy

Staying Put Featured Events: June



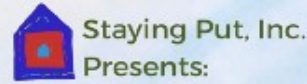
Our Backyard Bird-Watching Walk June 18, 10:00am



Lifelong birder Cathy Olyphant will lead a bird-watching walk for all ages. Walk will be at the Eau Galle Recreation Area (less than a mile walk). Bring good walking shoes, binoculars, and a picnic lunch.

Meet at the Staying Put office (5312 McKay Ave.) - ride to the rec area will be provided.

Call 715-778-5800 if you need a ride to/from the event.



Valley Villas RESIDENT MINI-CONCERT



Located at Valley Villas:
S820 Westland Drive; SV

Featuring vocal performance by the "Valley Villas Crooners" assisted living residents and instrumental accompaniment by Norm Solberg, Jeff Pajac, and Kathy Nyeggen.

**Tuesday, June 10th
1:00-2:00pm**

**Open to the public!
Call 715-778-5800 if you need
a ride to/from the event.**



JUNE 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02	03 9:30AM Strong Bodies 1PM Music at SV Health Care Campus	04	05 10AM 🎲 Team Sudoku 1:30PM Coffee & Conversation	06 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM 🍩 Donut Day
09 Office Closed Mondays	10 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM Memory Cafe 10AM 🍷 Farmers Market Vouchers 1PM Valley Villas Resident Concert	11 10AM 🎂 Monthly Birthday Celebration + Baked Treat	12 9:30AM Foot Care Clinic	13 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM 🎲 Fun Fact Friday 2PM C.R.A.F.T
16 Office Closed Mondays	17 9:30AM Strong Bodies	18 10AM Bird-watching Walk	19 10AM 🎲 Team Sudoku	20 9:30AM Strong Bodies
23 Office Closed Mondays	24 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM Memory Cafe	25 10AM 🎲 Euchre	26 9:30AM Foot Care Clinic	27 9:30AM Strong Bodies
30 Office Closed Mondays				

Weekend Events:

- Saturday 6/28: 2PM **10th Anniversary Block Party**

For more information, to schedule services or to RSVP, call 715-778-5800!

2025 CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Games start at 4 pm and 7 pm on Sunday, 7 pm on Mon/Tues

Please notify Donna or Clair if you cannot make a game
Donna Constant 715-307-0451, Clair Severson 715-821-3710

Sunday 6/1/25	4pm	C3B	VS	St Mary's
Sunday 6/1/25	7pm	Zion	VS	St Francis
Monday 6/2/25	7pm	Bethel	VS	English Lutheran
Tuesday 6/3/25	7pm	Our Saviors	VS	C3A
Sunday 6/8/25	4pm	Zion	VS	English Lutheran
Sunday 6/8/25	7pm	C3B	VS	C3A
Monday 6/9/25	7pm	Our Savior's	VS	St Mary's
Tuesday 6/10/25	7pm	Bethel	VS	St Francis
Sunday 6/15/25	4pm	Our Savior's	VS	St Francis
Sunday 6/15/25	7pm	C3B	VS	English Lutheran
Monday 6/16/25	7pm	Bethel	VS	St Mary's
Tuesday 6/17/25	7pm	Zion	VS	C3A
Sunday 6/22/25	4pm	Zion	VS	Bethel
Sunday 6/22/25	7pm	Our Savior's	VS	C3B
Monday 6/23/25	7pm	St Mary's	VS	St Francis
Tuesday 6/24/25	7pm	English Lutheran	VS	C3A
Sunday 6/29/25	4pm	St Francis	VS	C3A
Sunday 6/29/25	7pm	Zion	VS	Our Savior's
Monday 6/30/25	7pm	Bethel	VS	C3B
Tuesday 7/1/25	7pm	English Lutheran	VS	St Mary's
Sunday 7/13/25	4pm	St Mary's	VS	C3A
Sunday 7/13/25	7pm	St Francis	VS	English Lutheran
Monday 7/14/25	7pm	Bethel	VS	Our Savior's
Tuesday 7/14/25	7pm	Zion	VS	C3B
Make Up Game			VS	
Tournaments Saturday July 26th				

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 4pm C3B vs St Mary's 7pm Zion vs St Francis Altar Guilds: Mary H. & Peggy H. Money Counters/Tech Assistant Donna C. & Steve S.	2 10am Coffee and Conversation 7pm Bethel vs English Lutheran	3 7pm Council Meeting 7pm OS vs C3A	4	5	6	7
8 Happy Father's Day 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 4pm Zion vs English Lutheran 7pm C3B vs C3A	9 7pm OS vs St Mary's	10 7pm Bethel vs St Francis	11	12	13	14 9am Next Chapter at Broz Bar
15 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 4pm OS vs St Francis 7pm C3B vs English Lutheran	16 10am Coffee and Conversation 7pm Bethel vs St Mary's	17 7pm Zion vs C3A	18	19	20	21
Vacation Bible School 12-3:30pm @ English Lutheran. Monday-Thursday						
22 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 4pm Zion vs Bethel 7pm OS vs C3B	23 7pm St Francis vs St Mary's	24 7pm English vs C3A	25 8:30am Quilting	26	27	28
2025 Mission Trip / Pastor Lucas is on Vacation						
29 Contemporary Worship 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 4pm C3A vs St Francis 7pm Zion vs OS	30 10am Coffee and Conversation 7pm Bethel vs C3B					

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Assisting Minister
June 1st 9:00AM	Belinda Foley	Need Volunteer Donna Constant	Isaac Yunker Ben Johnson	Belinda Foley	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley
June 8th 9:00AM	Donna Constant	Mike Rehbein Steve Straub	Ryland Jensen Luke Lundstrom	Kay Berg	Roger Laughnan	Tom Holdorf
June 15th 9:00AM	Bruce Place	Mike Rehbein Donna Constant	Wes Raleigh Wyatt Goodier	Peggy Hoyer	Roger Laughnan	Lanette Place
June 22nd 9:00AM	Roger & Pauline Laughnan	Need Volunteer Steve Straub	Eli Stockwell Need Volunteer	Mary Halls	Roger Laughnan	Ann Young
June 29th 9:00AM	Mission Trip Participants	Maddi Constant Patricia Peterson	Brody Flynn Wyatt Kirchner	Chase Unser	Roger Laughnan	Lanette Place

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.

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