

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

March 2021

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

This month will mark a full year that we have grappled with the pandemic. It's wild to think about how a year ago, when I sat down to write the newsletter article for this month, no one had any idea what was on the horizon. Over the course of this year, so much has changed and we have experienced so much together. We have grieved losses, felt the hardship of chaos and uncertainty, worried about loved ones far away and close by, and waited patiently for the day when things would "get back to normal."

It's that last thing that has stuck with me in many of my conversations with y'all when we talk about the future. "Getting back to normal" *feels* like the comforting and comfortable place we want to be—it's the idea of all the things we've lost over the past year and all the ways our lives have been disrupted being removed. Maybe the only way we can describe what we hope for is looking back to the world before the pandemic and wanting that again. But is that *really* what we want?

I don't want to "go back to normal" if "normal" is just pretending the pandemic never happened.

Because of the pandemic, we learned that we can worship together online, communing with the whole Church in the mystical connection that transcends time and space to praise God on Thursday night as if we were present on Sunday morning. Because of the pandemic, we got to see just how deeply we need people we overlooked, underappreciated, and underpaid when things were "normal," like restaurant workers, EMTs, cashiers, and truckers. Because of the pandemic, we saw how unfair it is that some people could afford to withdraw to safety while everyone else had to risk their lives just to survive. Because of the pandemic, we got to feel the real impact of just how much we need to be in community, to see each other, to sit down for coffee and catch up. Because of the pandemic, we have had our eyes opened.

A year later, let's commit to not closing our eyes again. Let's *learn* something from this year, grapple with the grief and the pain it's caused, confront the injustices it exposed, take hold of the things that it showed us really and truly matter, and make a *new* normal.

I'm ready for a new normal where every opportunity to gather is taken, because I will remember what it was like when we couldn't. I'm ready for a new normal where online worship is seen as just as normal and participatory as being in person, because I will remember that so many of y'all had to worship that way to be safe. I'm ready for a new normal where we insist workers get paid a living wage, because I will remember how we called them "essential" and expected them to be there for us in our time of need. I'm ready for a new normal where the church's ministry happens out in the community in creative and unexpected ways, because I will remember how we stepped up as a congregation to share God's love in creative ways since we couldn't do it in the building.

What new normal are you ready for? What lessons have you learned about who God is calling us to be in the world during this pandemic? What kind of world is God calling us to co-create when enough people are vaccinated and the pandemic is officially declared over? Take a minute to actually write down your answers to these questions, and if you feel comfortable with it, please send them to me! God is at work, and has been at work with and through us this whole time. May we not let the grief and hardship of this pandemic blind us to the future God is calling us into.

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.

**April 3, May 9, 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

February 2, 2021

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

Attending: Randy Winger, Debbi Pittman, Sharon Seibel, Dan Place, Pastor Lucas, Lanette Place, Jill Rosenberry, Bob Winger

Absent: Norris Berg, Mary Straub, Ann Young

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas – from Mark Ch. 1 – V. 29 – 39 Jesus Heals Many People

## New Business:

Confirmation classes review – Pastor said that the classes are going well. Absences are to be made up to be confirmed. The students will participate in the Lenten Services.

Call/contacts to members – Pastor gave the council members a list of members that he calls and asked for more names.

Sunday & mid-week worship update (in-person numbers) –

Jan. 3 – 13, Jan. 10 – 24, Jan. 17 – 30, Jan. 24 – 8, Jan. 31 – 10

You do not need to have a reservation to attend services in-person. Come in and check for open seats.

February money counters – Sharon S. & Mary S.

Lutefisk Supper & Fair stand Donations –

Total Disbursements:

Lutefisk Supper	\$	5,589.14	
Fair Stand	\$	2,263.00	
2019 remaining funds	\$	<u>1,600.00</u>	
	\$	9,452.14	
	\$	<u>-3,600.00</u>	reserved for next year
	\$	5,852.14	

The council worked together on the disbursements. Bob made a motion to accept the disbursement list and Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Nominating Committee Rosters – Rosters were discussed and council members were advised to be thinking of members for the rosters.

Softball – Dan made a motion and Debbi 2<sup>nd</sup> to Donna to start planning for the softball season.

## Old Business:

Annual Meeting – March 21

Tech Team Volunteers – we have 2 volunteers and we need more.

Insurance Update – Meeting with agent Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> to take pictures thru out the church.

Secretary Report – Motion to accept – Dan – 1<sup>st</sup>, Lanette – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept – Bob - 1<sup>st</sup>, Lanette – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Designated Account - \$31,961.67,

Loan to General - \$0.00, General account - \$9,534.42

Pastor's Report –

**Youth Report** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation will be finishing the Confirmation Journey workbook and working on their faith statements.

**Committee Reports** – Property Committee – Dan reported that the state needs to reapprove the plans every two years. The top concerns that the committee will be working on is the siding and septic.

**Conflict Detection** - None

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn. Debbi – 1<sup>st</sup>, Dan – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Closing Prayer

Next meeting – March 2, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Respectively submitted by Sharon Seibel

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE**

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**EASTER LILIES:** WELCA will again be selling lilies for \$10. You can give them in memory or in honor of someone. A box with order forms will be in the Narthex, and in the basement. Please make checks out to WELCA and have the forms returned or mailed to church by Wednesday March 17th.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Annual Meeting:** Due to the continuing circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic. The council has decided to move the Annual Meeting to Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2021.

**SAVE THE DATE:** August 12th to the 15th! The 2021 Pierce County Fair. We anticipate operating the Our Savior's Food Stand under the "new normal". That means as normal as possible. So, we need you to make it work. Shift workers, pie makers, soup makers, and donations will be needed and appreciated.

Thank you! Clair Severson

## **THANK YOU**

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Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Congregation, ARC is so grateful for your recent generous gift of \$1,000.00 to support our mission. As you may be aware, 98 cents of every dollar donated goes to directly offer a hand up to local households facing difficulty with basic expenses; heat, lights, rent, gas. Your donation will ease many stressful situations.

Thank you for your recent donation of \$75.00. It is very much appreciated. Together we CAN and DO make a difference. Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County Inc.

We would like to thank you for the recent gift of \$1,000.00 and \$100.00 to our organization. Our Organization is dedicated to reducing hunger and providing access to healthy food across Pierce County. We estimate servicing even more of the low to moderate income families in Pierce County than we have in the past due to the pandemic. Your generous gift will help us to purchase much needed nutritional items as well as equipment to protect the safety of our volunteers and clients. Thank you for considering our back pack program and our food pantry for this gift. Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County Inc.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Thank you for the continued support of Basics for Local Kids! This is an unexpected surprise knowing it was a rough year for fundraising. The Support of your congregation through prayer, volunteer time, and financial donations helped us serve local, western WI kids in 2020. Thank You Kim

Thank you very much for your recent gift of \$500.00. It will be put towards our ongoing expenses. Your financial support will pay for things we need, but it also boosts our spirits. It is good to know that you are out there praying for us and including us in your own congregation's priorities. Journey House Campus Ministry.

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for choosing to be a supporter of the Ellsworth Senior Center. Your gift is sincerely appreciated and will be put to good use. It is through gifts like yours that we are able to continue to serve the community by providing a friendly safe atmosphere where adults age 50 and above may engage in recreational, social, and educational activities. Though COVID forced us to put things on hold in 2020 and into 2021, I am looking forward to when we can reopen and resume our activities. With sincere appreciation Linda Stroud

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church, You are such a blessing. Your gift of \$500.00 to Feed My Starving Children is providing 2,083 MannaPack meals to those around the world who need it most. Every gift matters to a hungry child. You're saving lives. You're providing hope. Thank you  
May God Bless you, Marek Crea, Executive Director/CEO

# SUPPORT OUR MISSION WITH eGIVING

Consider making your contribution through our eGiving tools!  
You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations.

## Giving Made Easy

Make a one-time contribution or set up recurring gifts through our website's donations page.

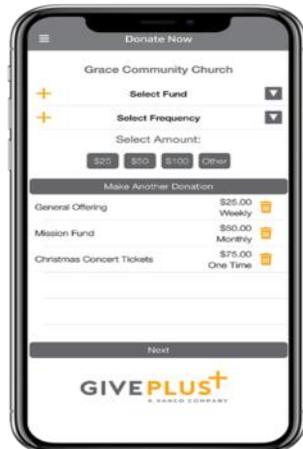
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church** offers giving from our Website, through the GivePlus mobile app, and by text.

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1. Visit Our Savior's Lutheran Church Website. [www.oursaviorschurch.info](http://www.oursaviorschurch.info)
2. Locate the give tab.
3. Donate!

**It only takes a minute to set up an account or give as a guest.  
We appreciate your generosity!**

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1. Download the free GivePlus App from the App Store or Google Play
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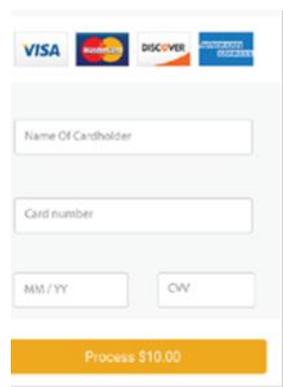
## Text Your Donation

Giving by text is easy. Simply text your donation amount to **833-506-0632** and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your gift.

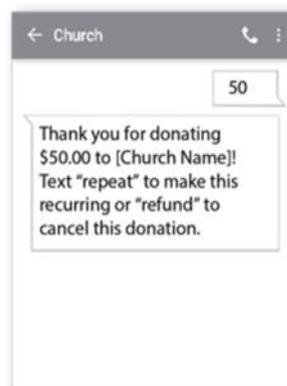
### 1. Get Started



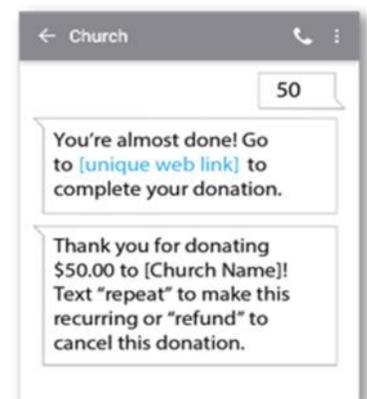
### 2. Register



### 3. Give



### 4. Repeat



# Our Savior's Youth News ~ March 2021

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Youth Group



## Join me for S.O.S. Kids Crew!

Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

4:00 – 5:30 pm

I would like to invite all youth in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, along with their friends, to join me for S.O.S. Kids Crew.

**Wear your SOS t-shirt!**

All kids are able to ride bus route #16.

Please remember to send a note to school saying that your child will be riding bus route #16 to Church.

If you prefer to drive your child, have them to church by 4pm.

I ask that all kids wear a mask. Not all lessons can be accomplished 6 feet apart. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me at 715-307-2739 or [youthdirector.os@hbc.com](mailto:youthdirector.os@hbc.com)



## Our Savior's Annual EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Come spend the morning at this Fun Family Event!  
Masks are required.

Most activities will be outside, weather permitting.

### **Sunday School News!** Attention parents of Sunday school kids, ages: 4YK and 2nd grade.

Your child will be gifted their Beginner and/or Adventure Bible on Sunday, March 21st during church service. If you haven't already, please rsvp your attendance to the church office:

[admin.os@hbc.com](mailto:admin.os@hbc.com) or [kunser4@gmail.com](mailto:kunser4@gmail.com). We hope to see you on the 21st!

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SOMETIMES  
YOU JUST HAVE TO



ROLL WITH IT

## Youth Account Fundraiser's

**I need Youth to volunteer  
for Cinnamon Roll Sunday Dates!**

This is a great way to build your youth account.

**Dates that are available;**

**March 7th , April 11th, and May 2nd**

Email Patricia with a date that will work for you.

[Youthdirector.os@hbci.com](mailto:Youthdirector.os@hbci.com)



## Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>  
Muffin's & Fruit to-go  
Youth Fundraiser

### Youth Schedules

**Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm Lent Worship Service, All Confirmation Groups**

**Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> Cinnamon Roll Sunday**

**Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Lent Worship Service, All Confirmation Groups**

**Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> SOS Kids Crew, 6:30pm Worship Service**

All Confirmation Groups

**Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Lent Worship Service, All Confirmation Groups**

**Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm Lent Worship Service, All Confirmation Groups**



### **2021 Mission Trip**

Luther Point,

Grantsburg WI

Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

**2021 Participants;** Madison Peterson, Taylor Peterson,  
Morgan Kolodzienski, Dayah Halverson, Brett Unser and Ava Kolodzienski  
Chaperones; Patricia Peterson and Jim Chisholm.



# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Guild</b> Audrey Severson Ann Young  <b>Money Counters</b> Dan Place Ann Young	1	2  7pm <b>Council Meeting</b>	3  6:30pm Lent Service (All Confirmation Groups)	4	5	6
<b>7 Cinnamon Rolls</b>  9am Live Stream Worship 9am Limited In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 9am Sunday School	8	9	10  6:30pm Lent Service (All Confirmation Groups)	11	12	13
14 9am Live Stream Worship 9am Limited In-person 9am Drive-In Worship No Sunday School	15	16	17  4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew  6:30pm Lent Service (All Confirmation Groups)	18	19	20  9am <b>MIM Meeting</b>
21 9am Live Stream Worship 9am Limited In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 9am Sunday School Bible Distribution Soup Sales 10am <b>Annual Meeting</b>	22	23	24  6:30pm Lent Service (All Confirmation Groups)	25	26	27  10am <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>
<b>28 Palm Sunday</b> 9am Live Stream Worship 9am Limited In-person 9am Drive-In Worship No Sunday School	29	30	31			

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[youthdirector.os@hbc.com](mailto:youthdirector.os@hbc.com)



### In Need of Prayer!

Katrina Platt, Jim Hauschildt, Calvin Boe, Ron Mireau, Shirley Nickel, Lu Johnson, Nancy Hove, Della Larson, Judie Goodwin, Mark Kiefer, Norris Berg, Tom Dachel, Anna Walentowski, Alan Nelson, Zachery Caterer, 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@hbc.com](mailto:admin.os@hbc.com)

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