

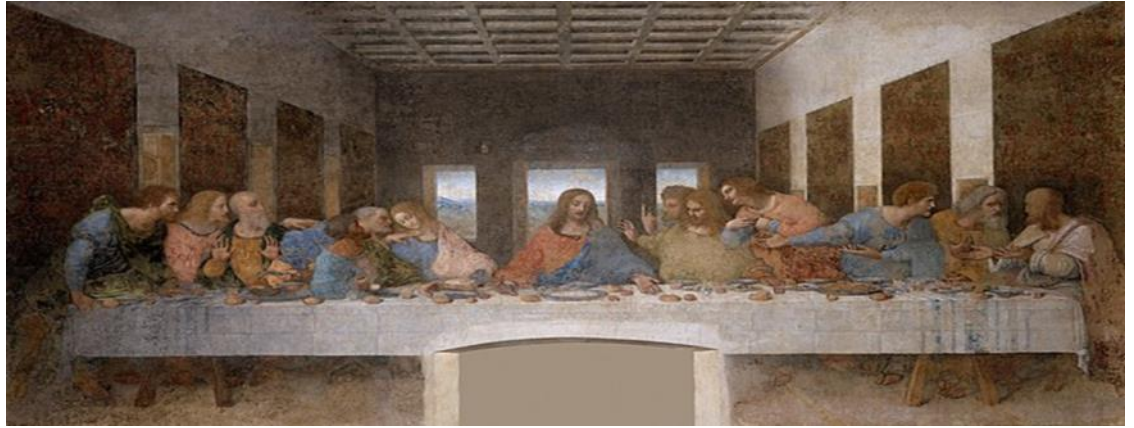
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

March 2022

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



Dear siblings in Christ,

A lot of art has been inspired by the things we read in the Bible, including some of the most beautiful pieces of art in the Western world! One of the most recognizable masterpieces is Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper* in Milan. In the mural, da Vinci shows us the intense reaction Jesus's disciples had right after he told them one of them would betray him. If you look it up online, you can see how each individual disciple has a different expression. They range from shocked and confused to angry and worried. What the painting does is invite us into that night of the last supper, and imagine the feelings that swirled around the table the night before Jesus was crucified.

This Lent we will be exploring those feelings for our Wednesday night worship services. Each week, we'll hear from a few of the disciples and their reaction to Jesus's shocking words, and their own doubts and fears of whether they would be the one to betray him. They contemplate their history with him, how they met and what they saw, how they'd grown to trust this man who did miracles, and now was leading them into some unknown chapter of God's redemptive history. What could drive anyone to betray Jesus, and could there be a clue in their own story as a disciple that might mean they're the one?

Each week when we begin the communion liturgy, I speak the words "in the night in which he was betrayed..." This series, I hope, will help us focus on what that phrase means, and how it reveals even more about that meal that Jesus shares with us. Jesus gathered with his closest friends, knowing one of them was going to turn him over to the authorities and ensure he was arrested, tried, and crucified. He did this, and he still broke bread with them. Even with the one who betrayed everything Jesus stood for.

I think that's something important to remember every time we come to the table for the Lord's Supper. Even when we've fallen short, even when we've straight-up betrayed our Lord, we are still invited to the table, to break bread with him. We're still invited to be nourished by his body and forgiven by his blood. This meal that we eat isn't a closed celebration for the perfect. It's a welcoming meal for those that need Jesus most, even when we don't realize it. I hope you'll contemplate that this Lent as we journey to the cross 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.

April 16 (Easter Vigil), May 15, June 19, July 17, August 14

Call the Office if any of these dates would work for your family. 715-273-4570

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

February 8th, 2022

Call Meeting to Order: President Randy Winger at 7:05 PM

Attending: Sharon Seibel, Debbi Pittman, Randy Winger, Jill Rosenberry, Mary Straub, Lanette Place, Patricia Peterson, Ann Young

Absent: Pastor Lucas, Bob Winger, Gabe Feuerhelm, Dan Place

Opening Devotions: Jill- Leviticus 19:9-18, Matthew 19:19 Love Your Neighbor

New Business:

February Money counters: Patricia and Ann

March Devotions: Lanette

Annual Meeting: February 20, 2022

- a. Following service downstairs. There will be a 10-15 minute break to get treats and settle in.
Coffee Hour Peterson fundraiser.

Installation Sunday: March 6, 2022

Copy Machine Disposal

\$35 to recycle at Pierce County. \$115 if they pick it up.

Jill made a motion to ask the Property Committee to haul the copy machine to Pierce Recycling Center.

Lanette will ask them. Lanette 2nd. MC

AED Maintenance and Upkeep

Our current member taking care of the AED will no longer be able to do so.

Patricia made a motion to ask the Property Committee to check it and make a record on the sheet, as well as the annual upkeep (batteries, etc.). Ann 2nd. MC

We decided to advertise in the newsletter to see if any member is willing to take on the role of Parish Nurse.

Recognition of Endowment Contributors

We would like to have a Wall of Recognition for those who contribute to the Endowment Fund.

Emily Peterson was the original founder.

Ann made the motion to have a Wall of Recognition for contributors of the Endowment Fund. Donations of \$20,000 and above will have a picture, those with lesser amounts will have a name tag. Lanette 2nd. MC

We discussed possibly having a contest to name the recognition wall.

4-H Club Meeting Approval

Country Partners would like to use the church to meet. Discussed insurance for non-members.

Patricia made the motion to allow the 4-H club to meet at OSLC under the condition of 4-H members (parents/children) sign a liability waiver. Sharon 2nd. MC

Synod Assembly Delegates- April 30, 2022

The assembly will be in person and virtually.

We will ask for volunteers at the annual meeting, if we don't have any one to go.

Old Business:

Hope Lutheran Livestream Service.

Week 1 went well.

Week 2 the sound wavered. Possible internet lagging. We will see if we can run a wire directly from the router.

Lutefisk & Fair Disbursements

There was a change of \$431 less than previously discussed. Was \$21,678, and is now \$21,247.

It is recommended to take that amount out of the Reserve Maintenance line on the budget.

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

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Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report- As of January 31, 2022

Designated Account \$34,568.52

General Account \$-158.60

Money Market \$74,014.65

Total: \$108,424.57

Lanette made a motion to ask any fundraising committees (such as MIM, Ballpark, WELCA, etc) to provide their own collection box, to be found easily in the church. This will keep the fundraising money separate from the Sunday OSLC collection. Patricia will put this in the newsletter. Ann 2nd. MC
Sharon made a motion to accept the report as written. Mary 2nd. MC

Pastor's report- none

Youth Report- Events

- **Sadly, the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis has been cancelled due to COVID and low attendance.** Patricia will look into alternative missions.
- **February 23rd**, 9th grade students will interview a couple of council members about their views on Faith. This will help the students with their Faith Statements.
- **February 16-** SOS Kids Crew
- **March 2-**Ash Wednesday. SOS Kids Crew will help at the service.
- **March 27-** Family Pool Party from 11am-1pm. Free family swimming. Snacks will be provided
Lanette made the motion to accept the minutes as printed. Debbie 2nd. MC

Committee Reports- none

Conflict Detection-

Lanette has been contacting some home-bound members in the Pastor's absence. She has found it very delightful. Reminder of the Annual Meeting. It will be downstairs this year with treats.
Donations will go toward the Peterson fundraiser for Ian.

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

Closing Prayer

Next Council Meeting March 8, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Rosenberry



eGiving Options

We offer convenient eGiving options that help you make donations on a one-time or recurring basis, including texting your donation to 833-506-0632 then following the instructions on your phone, or online at oursaviorschurch.info under the "give" tab. We highly recommend this method of giving for anyone who wishes to support the church. We also welcome mailing or bringing your donation to the church.
Thank you for your generosity from all of us at Our Savior's!

Our Savior's Annual Meeting Minutes

February 20th 2022

Call Meeting to Order: President Randy Winger at 10:45am

Attending: Approximately 53. Meeting happened in the OSLC basement.

Opening Prayer: Ann Young

Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting:

Mike Allyn made a motion to accept the 2021 Annual meeting minutes. Lanette 2nd. MC

Report from Pastor Lucas: On file.

Report from Treasurer:

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2021

General Account: \$8,131.71

Designated Acc: \$30,981.07

Money Market: \$74,903.02

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2021

General Account: \$79.80

Designated Acc: \$33,354.53

Money Market: \$74,008.36

Notes: We made a loan to our general account for \$4,500 to pay for pre-buy fuel. We are no longer taking money from the money market account to pay for Pastor's housing. The church is paying 100% of it. In May or June, we will find out how much Algot Anderson's estate will donate to the church.

Bruce P made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Roger L 2nd. MC

Report from the Audit Committee:

Becky J and Audrey S found everything in order.

They ask the Council to discuss how long records should be saved and stored.

All reports and records will be stored in the record/fire room.

Mary H made the motion to accept the Audit report. Ann Y 2nd. MC

Proposed Budget for 2022

The proposed budget for 2022 is \$179,021.55.

This includes a 3% increase for Pastor Lucas and the Administrative Assistant position (Patricia). In June, the Council will look at how things are going and possibly propose another 3% increase to keep up with inflation.

Notes: In 2021, we had a budget of \$1,500 for Church Repairs. In 2022, we proposed \$10,000. Some repairs will include sealing the parking lot, painting, fixing the concrete by the entry way. The sewer is not in the \$10,000.

A motion to accept the proposed budget was made by Rhoda F. Mike A. 2nd. MC

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Endowment Committee Report & Dispersal of Funds:

The Endowment Fund had an income of \$1,491.40.

The account balance as of 12/31/2021 was \$139,450.09. This included an incredibly generous gift from the estate of Algot Anderson. We are thankful and grateful for this lasting legacy that will generate additional interest income, and in turn increase the amount available for yearly disbursements. The donation was put in the savings account, but will be put in a fund to generate more interest.

Proposed disbursements for 2022 was \$1,500.

The Council proposed a Recognition Wall for those who donate to the Endowment Fund. Pictures for those who donate \$20,000 or more, and name plates for other donations.

A motion was made by Lanette to accept the report. Patricia 2nd. MC

Dispersal of Fair stand and Lutefisk Supper Funds:

The amount of disbursements is \$21,247.80.

This year was a record income for the Fair stand. \$2,500 of the Disaster Fund/ECON Assistance will go to the Ian Peterson family for their medical needs.

Mike A. made a motion to set aside one-half of OSLC Maintenance Reserved Funds, starting in 2023, to go to the Fair stand maintenance. After further discussion, Mike rescinded his motion.

Rhoda F made a motion to accept the Lutefisk Disbursements. Patricia 2nd. MC

Nominating Committee:

Thank you to all those who have served and are serving on a committee. We appreciate your time and talents.

A recommendation was made to have the Lutefisk Supper go from co-chairs to a committee, since it is a big undertaking.

Election of Officers and Committee Members:

Vacancies filled at the annual meeting: The delegates for the Synod Convention on April 30, will be Donald Rosenberry III and Jill Rosenberry. Rhoda Foley will be on the Auditing Committee.

Ann Y made a motion to accept the Nomination Committee report with the two adjustments. Debbi 2nd. MC

Old Business: none

New Business:

Cooler Trailer: The cooler, previously used at the fairstand and the Lutefisk supper, does not work. It most likely needs a compressor. We don't know how much it will cost. Suggestions were made of who to take it to. The cooler rental goes to MIM. \$1,187 is still owed to the kitchen fund for it.

Installation of Committee and Council members: will be on March 6, 2022.

Adjourn: Motion made by Mike A to adjourn. Bruce P. 2nd. MC

Cemetery Association Meeting happened immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Rosenberry

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



Donna Constant has 150 frozen 10in. Lattice Cherry pies for sale, ready to bake.

Cost \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00.

Please pre-ordered. The pies are in cold storage. Money is being raised for the ballpark.

You can email the Church Office or contact Donna at 715-307-0451.



FAIR TRADE COFFEE:

We have just received a new shipment of Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffee in regular grind and whole bean. Also we are trying their new products of organic semi-sweet chocolate chips for your holiday baking and herbal tea of ginger and turmeric. These items will be in the basement for sale.

2022 Ellsworth Health & Preferred Living combined Schedule for Our Savior's

Wednesday March 16th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

Wednesday May 18th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

Wednesday August 10th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

Wednesday October 26th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

Wednesday December 28th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

Our Savior's Committee Fundraiser Reminder: All WELCA, MIM, Ballfield, Youth, etc. fundraisers should have a separate collection container from the Sunday offering plate. This will ensure all donations are distributed properly.

Lenten Supper and Worship: Supper sign-up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall. Dates still available are March 9th, and April 6th. Supper will be at 5:30pm and Worship at 6:30pm.



**PIERCE COUNTY
HUNGER PREVENTION COUNCIL**
WE GO BEYOND THE FOOD

The Pierce County Food Pantry in Ellsworth is in need of certain basic items due to transportation delays.

Below is the list of items that are needed.

Please bring items to church during the month. Thank you for showing your love.

Flour, Sugar, Crackers, Ramen Noodles, Oatmeal (Instant or Quick Cooking)

Canned Beans of any variety, Canned Vegetables (corn, peas, carrots), Canned Chicken, Canned soups (Chicken noodle, vegetable, cream of chicken or mushroom), Baby diapers in size 2, 3, 4 or 5. Personal Care items -toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine pads. Money donations can also be given by cash or checks made out to the Pierce County Food Pantry.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous gift of \$95.55 to the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). With your gifts, you are putting God's love into action, with gratitude, Rachel Wind.

Thank You: "Our family would like to thank everyone and Our Saviors for the generous donations at last Sunday's coffee hour for Ian's ongoing medical expenses. May God bless you abundantly, in good measure, packed together, shaken together and running over!"- Greg and Sue Peterson & families.

Thank You: My heart thanks for the cares, prayers, face book messages and cards I received while I was hospitalized and now at my home. Appreciated much, God is Good! In Friendship Marion Erlandson "ME".

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Audrey Severson Ann Young Money Counters: Bob Winger Dan Place		1	2 Ash Wednesday 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Worship Service	3	4	5
6 Cinnamon Rolls 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour No SS Hour	7	8 7pm Council Meeting	9 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Worship Service	10	11	12
13 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour No SS Hour	14	15	16 1:30pm Preferred Living 2:30pm Ellsworth Health 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Worship Service	17	18	19 8am MIM Meeting
20 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 9:45am SS Hour	21	22	23 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Worship Service	24	25	26
27 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour No SS hour 11am—1pm Family Pool Party	28	29	30 8:30am Quilting 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Worship Service	31		

	Greeters/Ushers	Tech Assistants	Acolyte	Bell Ringer	Assisting Minister
Mar. 6	Raleigh	Breken Young	Dusty Raleigh	Raleigh	Tom
9:00 am	Family	Grayson Jensen	Alex Knight	Family	Holdorf
Mar. 13	Rohl	George Rohl	Derek Johnson	Andi	Rhoda
9:00 am	Family	Parker Peterson	Chase Unser	Peterson	Foley
Mar. 20	Girdeen	Maddi Constant	Pearl Shelley	Lily	Lanette
9:00 am	Family	Lucy Feuerhelm	Carly Girdeen	Young	Place
Mar. 27	Mike/Annie	Grayson Jensen	Delaney Johnson	Josh	Ann
9:00 am	Chisholm Family	Chase Unser	Ada Erlandson	Erlandson	Young

Wednesday/Lent Assisting Ministers: Wed. March 2nd - Lanette P, Wed. March 9th –Ann Y, Wed. March 16th –Rhoda F, Wed. March 23rd - Tom H, Wed. March 30th –Donald R

In Need of Prayer!



Ryan Wearda, Elise Foley, Aariah Jones, John Steele, Kimber Hause, Don & Delores Stellrecht, Ray Carlson, Ian Peterson, Sharon Dingrando, Peggy Roach, Carol Lewis, Ashley Hinrichs, Dylan, Larry Young, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, Calvin Boe, Shirley Nickel, Della Larson, 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.

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