

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,

This month begins with a special celebration that we do every year: Confirmation. Many of us probably have our own memories of confirmation—there are quite a few pages in that picture book downstairs after all! The classes leading up to confirmation have changed over the years, too. Some of y'all have told me about the days when the pastor would have you stand in the aisle and recite Luther's definition of the third commandment or the first article of the creed. The object-lessons and small groups model of today is a radical change from those times! But it does make us wonder: what is the reason we have confirmation?

Confirmation, if we want to get technical (and don't we all?), is the moment the presence of the Holy Spirit has been "confirmed" (see what we did there?) by the laying on of hands. You may have noticed that moment happens a little earlier than the date we parade our young people in robes to affirm their faith. It happened moments after the water has hit our heads, and the pastor placed their hands on our heads and said that line about the Holy Spirit. Confirmation actually happened the day we were baptized!

So why do we call what happened on Sunday "confirmation" if that's already happened? It's actually from way back when we were all Catholic, in the Middle Ages.

In that time, only a bishop could confirm the Holy Spirit, and as the Church spread, they had to travel farther and farther to get to all the churches when babies were baptized. Eventually, it led to the practice of confirming a whole slew of children at once (when the bishop came around), getting further and further from the date of each child's baptism until everyone agreed children were confirmed sometime around seven to ten years old. We as Lutherans inherited that practice, but we didn't keep the need for a bishop to confirm the Spirit!

When we gathered to hear our confirmands affirm the promises of baptism, we were recognizing that even if we don't get a choice about whether God saves us (it's why we baptize infants), we do get to be part of what that salvation looks like. Our confirmands said "yes" to God's call to be part of the work in the kingdom of God! They said "yes" to recognizing God's role in their lives.

And while we may get nervous about that "yes" looking different from how ours looked ("they get confirmed and then disappear!"), we trust that God is at work in whatever is the next step. That "yes" may end up looking like staying active in the church. Or it may look like letting the gospel lead them in how they care for others. Or it may look like wandering through other faiths for a few years before rediscovering the joy of the kingdom. They've taken the time to learn about their faith, and they've concluded that they can, in good conscience, say "yes" to God's call to bear the good news into the world, whatever it may look like.

Let's trust God to help them with that.

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.

May 12th, June 16th,

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

Council Meeting Minutes

Date 4/2/19 7 pm

Present were: Pastor, Deb, Bruce, Stacy, Randy, Tom, Mary, Ann, Mike, Norris, Jim, and Dawn. The meeting was called to order by President Tom. Pastor led us in prayer.

Guest: Ann Nelson from the Synod presented Faithful Innovations Network program to help churches spread the word of God to those in our communities. See handout.

Steve Straub was here as a representative from the Stewardship committee. Some information was provided to him for the committee to jump start the program.

Lanette Place from the Audit committee was present. In response to the recommendations of the Audit committee, Debbi has asked if the church secretary can be named as a signer. Debbi will continue to reconcile the accounts.

Motion to approve church secretary as a signer for checks made by Randy, second by Mike. Motion passed.

New Business: Music for services. Jim mentioned he has heard some people would like to hear more contemporary music during the services. Will have the worship committee form a list of songs which can be played during the slide show of announcements in the prior to service. Also consider tapping into youth talents and other options for music.

GWOH will be on April 28 following the MIM pancake breakfast. We will be doing clean up around the church. Sign up sheets to be set out.

Approval of Confirmand: Ryan Matzek, McKenna Minder, Colton Halverson, Shelby Lawler, Megan and Meredith Hansen have all completed or nearly completed their requirements. Motion made to accept these youth for confirmation made by Mike, second by Debbi. Motion passed.

Old Business: Tractor Pull- more information to come. Will need to decide soon.

Liaisons and money counters signed up

Safe deposit box access. Need 2 people to have access. Will name Jim Chisholm and Administrative Assistant.

Secretary's report: reviewed. Motion made by Debbi to accept as written, second by Norris.

Treasurer's report: \$21,226.07 in the designated account. \$1,175.63 in the general account. We will have insurance due in April. Debbi has investigated alternative options for offering. Company who manages our Simply Giving (now called Giving Plus) has several options. Randy made a motion made to purchase a desktop card reader (\$125 for unit single time pay) and pay for the text option (\$5 per month) second by Jim. Debbi to complete application and will be available as soon as able, likely not before Easter.

Lanette has graciously investigated alternative internet options for the church. AT&T has a recent deal \$70 per month or \$60 per month if commit to 12 months. Motion made to accept report made by Mike, second by Norris.

Pastor's report: see attached. Motion made to participate in FIN program through the Synod made by Jim, second by Ann.

Youth report: see attached

Committee reports: property committee- water containers to catch rain will be for watering plants at the cemetery.

Conflict Detection: none

Motion to adjourn made by Mike, second by Debbi.

Adjourned at 850 pm

The next meeting will be May 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Hansen

MIM meeting - April 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Lemoine Baker.

The secretary's report was read and approved. The proposed date for the MIM pancake breakfast was changed from April 21st to April 28th.

Treasurer Chuck Christopherson reported that \$695 from soup sales was forwarded to the church for debt reduction. We have \$2,739 in the general account, \$4,981 in the Luther Point bible Camp fund, and \$2,758 in the Fair Stand fund. We made \$713 on the oyster stew/soup dinner which was forwarded to the church.. We decided since Tim Huppert is no longer at Anchor House, we should look for a more local charity for our \$50 donation. The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Ball Park: Donna reported that she has talked with Nicole, our neighbor east of the ball field. She would prefer that we just place stakes in the ground to show where the ball park boundary is. Chris Kirchner has offered to build trash container holders on the north side of the concession stand. We will place a wash station next to it with soap and water. Donna is getting hot and cold water inside the stand. Peter Falde has been cutting trees at the ball park this winter. We are working on having some Christian music playing during the slack times.

There will be 8 teams playing this year. Games will be on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. First game is May 12th. The tournament is on July 20th and 21st. We are always looking for volunteers to help in the concession stand and learn how to score.

Donna asked if there was a place to store the ball park grill at church when it is not in use. Bruce suggested that maybe, after the snow blower is moved, it could be stored there??

Presently, the port a potty is costing us over \$500 a year. Donna will check around to see if we can find one cheaper and order it. It will be in service from May through October.

Pancake Breakfast - April 28th, immediately following church and before the "God's Work Our Hand's" projects. Clair has the TAT card. Will serve the usual with fresh fruit. Saturday before, Bruce and Clair will brown the sausages and Brian and Gene will cut up fruit.

New Business:

Algot mentioned that it is getting very frustrating planting flowers around the graves because of the moles. Bruce P. offered to make some wood boxes to be placed in the ground by the grave stones for flower planting so the moles can't disturb them.

With the church council's permission, we are looking at a fundraiser for the church at the ball park tentatively on July 28th. We would like to publicize this around the community and promote the ball park. Games for the kids. Maybe call it "Pig Roast Revival" and, obviously roast a pig. Since this is a church fundraiser we hope to have church members not in the MIM to help out.

We will serve coffee on June 16th.

Next MIM meeting is on June 15th at 8:00 a.m. with Donna and Gene serving.

The meeting was adjourned, 8 members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by secretary, Clair Severson

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

Church Softball Schedule – 2019

All Games start at 7pm

Sunday, May 12	Bethel – OS		
Monday, May 13	Living Waters – St. Francis	Sunday, June 16	Bethel – Zion
Tuesday, May 14	Zion –Ezekiel/St John’s	Monday, June 17	Ezekiel/St. John’s – St. Mary’s
Thursday, May 15	St. Mary’s - Crossroads	Tuesday, June 18	St. Francis – OS
		Thursday, June 20	Living Waters – Crossroads
Sunday, May 19	Crossroads – Bethel		
Monday, May 20	OS – St Mary’s	Sunday, June 23	St. Mary’s – Bethel
Tuesday, May 21	St Francis - Zion	Monday, June 24	Ezekiel/St. John’s – St. Francis
Thursday, May 23	Living Waters – Ezekiel/St John’s	Tuesday, June 25	Zion – Living Waters
		Thursday, June 27	OS – Crossroads
No Games week of May 26 th - <i>Holiday</i>		No Games week of June 30 th – <i>Holiday</i>	
Sunday, June 2	Bethel – Living Waters	Sunday, July 7	OS – Living Waters
Monday, June 3	OS – Ezekiel/St John’s	Monday, July 8	St. Francis - Crossroads
Tuesday, June 4	Zion – Crossroads	Tuesday, July 9	St. Mary’s – Zion
Thursday, June 6	St. Mary’s – St. Francis	Thursday, July 11	Ezekiel/St. John’s – Bethel
Sunday, June 9	Living Waters – St. Mary’s		
Monday, June 10	Ezekiel/St. John’s – Crossroads		
Tuesday, June 11	OS – Zion		
Thursday, June 13	St. Francis – Bethel		

Managers:

Bethel Covenant Church	Sheldon Johnson	715-821-7890
Crossroads	Adam Christiansen	715-307-0002
Ezekiel/St John’s Lutheran	Alex Place	715-781-9997
Living Waters	John Hinrichs	715-307-1709
Our Savior’s	Christ Kirchner	715-338-5541
St. Francis	John Woehrle	715-273-5081
St. Mary’s	Jay Loe	715-410-8176
Zion Covenant	Denny Dodge	715-529-6492

THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone for sharing Our 50th Wedding Anniversary with us, and all the cards and gifts. God Bless, Wayne & Bonnie Peterson.

Dear Our Savior’s Friends, I’d like everyone to know how much we appreciate the cards & notes from so many. Thank you all very much! Monte and I are doing good again and feel your prayers all helped. Thank you so much Love from Donna & Monte Anderson.

In Need of Prayer



Ed Place, Jeff Bjork, Doris Knutson, Anna Walentowski, Michele Klennert, Vickie Wilkens, Betty Davidson, Ben Leonard, Alan Nelson, Ron Mireau, Zachery Caterer, Colleen Johnson, Trudy Owen, and Kristen Anderson.
If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Savior's 2019 Worship Service: Atrium Post Acute Care & Preferred Living

May
5/29 2:30pm Atrium

June
6/5 1:30pm Preferred
2:30pm Atrium

August
8/21 2:30pm Atrium

September
9/11 2:30pm Atrium

November
11/20 2:30pm Atrium



BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND: : During the month of May we will be collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly. May is the last month to collect for the back pack program for this school year. We will be collecting over the summer for the Pierce County Food Shelf. Thank you again for your generous support for this much needed program.



Coats for Kids Drive: During the month of May, we will once again be collecting kids winter gear: coats, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens/gloves, scarves. You may bring in your gently used items, or it's also the perfect time to purchase new winter wear on clearance. We will have a collection box located in the narthex throughout the month of May. Articles must be clean, no rips or tears, with working zippers. These items, donated to "Basics for Local Kids", will be stored until fall when they will be given to needy families right here in Pierce County.

The Nominating Committee is still looking 2 people to prayerfully consider being lutefisk supper co-chairs for 2019, and stepping up to chair persons for 2020. Please contact Donna Constant, Mary Halls, or Kathy Young.



Register now for SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHER POINT! The entire summer camp schedule is On - line now at lutherpoint.org. Pay only the down payment (which is nonrefundable). The MIM will be billed for half of the registration fee. After Luther Point deducts your discounts from the remaining part, you will be billed via e-mail for the rest of the registration cost. This needs to be paid **TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO CAMP**. Campers and their non-member friends **MUST** both indicate that they are from Our Savior's/ Beldenville to get half of the registration cost deducted from their bill. Talk to Clair S. if you have problems with the process. **Early Bird discount ends May 1st.**

Ellsworth Community-Wide Vacation Bible School - FREE

June 28 & 29, 2019

WHO: Children 3 years – 5th grade

(Children who are 3 yrs. old must have a parent, grandparent, or guardian remain with them the duration of the time)

WHAT: Yee Haw – Celebrating God's Greatest Gift

WHEN: Friday, June 28: Supper:5:00pm, VBS:5:30-8:00pm

Saturday, June 29, VBS:9:00am-11:30

Program: 11:30-11:45; Lunch

WHERE: Zion Covenant Church

PARTICIPATING CHURCHES: Zion, Eidsvold, Bethlehem, SVEA, Bethel, Our Saviors

Register Online:

Early registration will help us have supplies and music CDs available for our children and volunteers. Register by May 31st. Registration form may be returned to your church. Online registration available by visiting

www.zioncovenant.org.

Any questions, please contact your church or Sarah Lawrence at sarah@zioncovenant.org.



May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Rhoda Foley Belinda Foley	Money Counters Jill Rosenberry					
			1 6pm Confirmation Banquet No Choir Practice	2	3	4
5 Confirmation 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 10:30am Adult Forum No SS Hour	6	7 7pm Council Meeting	8 4-5:30pm S.O. S. Kids Crew 5:30pm Supper (Potluck) No Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 Mothers Day 9am Worship (Baptism) 10am Fellowship Hour No SS hour 7pm OS vs Bethel	13	14	15 No Choir Practice	16	17	18
19 Honoring Graduates 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 10:30am Adult Forum No SS Hour	20 7pm OS vs St. Mary's	21	22 6pm Baccalaureate Service @ High School No Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour No SS Hour	27 Memorial Day	28	29 8:30am Quilting 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care Service 6pm Outdoor Worship	30	31	June Money Counters Dawn Madsen

May 2019

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
May 5 9:00 am	Katy/Mike Allyn Family	Ann/Dennis Kiefer Megan/Guy Stockwell	Sam Allyn Madison Peterson	Sue Peterson	Shane Johnson	Tom Holdorf
May 12 9:00 am	Kristen/Jake Kolodzienski	Sharon/Joe Seibel Pauline/Roger Laughnan	Charly Gilby Ava Kolodzienski	Claire Straub	Morgan Kolodzienski	Ann Young Belinda Foley
May 19 9:00 am	Annie/Mike Chisholm Family	Audrey/Clair Severson Brenda/Bob Winger	Brett Unser Luke Knight	Lemoine Baker	Alison Laughnan	Lanette Place Donna Constant
May 26 9:00 am	Leslie/Michael Young Family	Stacy/Kerry Hansen Brian Johnson, Mary Halls	Juliana Winger Morgan Kolodzienski	Bob Mercord	Anthony Madsen	Rhoda Foley Stacy Hansen

Assisting Minister: May 5 - Tom , May 12 - Ann, May 19 - Lanette , May 26 - Rhoda.

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.

Instructions for each ministry position are posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Lucas at 273-4570 or Rhoda Foley at 273-4865.