

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

May 2021

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

At our Synod Assembly this year, the focus was on Justice and Joy. Bishop Laurie reminded us of three Hebrew words that are used to describe justice: *shalom*, *mishpat* and *tsedekah*. All three of these words mean justice, but in different ways. *Shalom* is the goal of justice, which is wholeness, peace, and community; *mishpat* is the shape of justice, how God calls us to order our lives with others; and *tsedekah* is how we enact that justice in order to live into God's righteousness and share in God's peace. Between the three of them, *justice* is mentioned over 800 times in the Old Testament alone! As you can see, justice a major part of what God cares about in and for the world! While *justice* might seem like a faraway concept, perhaps too public or (especially these days) *political*, we are called to it because we love. And "justice," as theologian Dr. Cornell West put it, "is what love looks like in public." When we love our neighbor, we will seek God's justice for them even when it takes us into public. These two words formed the backdrop of what we were focusing on for this year's theme.

So then, what does that love look like? How can we do justice and love our neighbors in public better? The first step is always to learn, because you don't know what you don't know unless someone tells you! Because of that, we passed five resolutions on what aspects of justice we will commit to learning about and in time acting out together as a synod. These five resolutions were:

A resolution to understand and enact justice for those living with hunger both in our country and around the world, where we set our hearts and minds to donating \$1,000,000 together over the next three years for ELCA world hunger,

A resolution to address disparities and injustices against women clergy and administrators, committing to opening our eyes to ongoing injustices from pay to harassment, and seeking to right those wrongs,

A resolution to understand and seek justice for our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ, and to open ourselves up to the conversation of what our love calls us to do together,

A resolution to learn about racism and racial justice, how we are called as Christians to combat this injustice, and how we together can become anti-racists who will seek justice for our siblings of color in our synod and across the country, and a resolution to understand how we are called to steward the environment, caring for creation that God has given us, and address the threat of climate change as Christians tasked with caring for the earth and all things that live here.

I will be taking the time each month to invite you to explore these five resolutions, each in turn, with materials that the synod will be providing for us as well as what we can learn elsewhere. Justice is what love looks like in public, and the best way to start on the road to making God's justice real is learning what that justice looks like. I hope you will join me over the next several months in learning about what our Christian response to injustice should be, and we can be in conversations that explore the fullest sense of the love God calls us to embody for our neighbor.

"When justice is done, it is joy to the righteous" –Proverbs 21:15

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 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

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April 6, 2021

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

**Attending:** Bob Winger, Sharon Seibel, Debbi Pittman, Randy Winger, Lanette Place, Jill Rosenberry, Mary Straub, Dan Place, Ann Young, Gabe Feuerhelm, Patricia Peterson

Absent: Norris Berg

**Opening Devotions:** Dan Place-Phillipians 2:1-11

## **New Business:**

### **Welcome new council members-**

Committee assignments

Education Committee Liaison-Patricia Peterson

Endowment Fund Committee-Ann Young

Evangelism Committee-Bob Winger

Luter Point Bible Camp Committee-Jill Rosenberry

Nominating Committee-Lanette Place

Property and Management Committee-Dan Place

Stewardship Committee-Mary Straub

Worship Committee-Sharon Seibel

Youth Committee-Gabe Feuerhelm

## **Duties and responsibilities for each committee**

Council members each received a packet detailing each committee's role.

By our next council meeting in May, each liaison is to meet with the committee to review and edit the duties described. We will bring back the revisions to discuss the changes with the council to approve them in June.

Job descriptions of staff will be updated by the fall.

**April 18-Installation date for 2021 Council & Committee Members-**This will be done during service. Plan on being at church. Each liaison can remind their committee to try to attend as well.

**April Money Counters-**Bob, Lanette **May Devotions-**Ann Young **May Money Counters-** Jill, Patricia

## **Brickhouse Proposals to upgrade sound system-**

Ann made a motion that prior to the May council meeting, the Worship Committee will meet with Brickhouse Music to give us the best recommendation to upgrade the sound system. The Worship Committee will report to the council in May. Bob 2nd. MC

## **In-person worship capacity-**

Dan made the motion to expand the in-person worship capacity to 50%. Sharon 2nd. MC

Dan made a motion to amend his motion to open the church to full capacity. Patricia 2nd. MC

## **Resume after-worship coffee hour-**

Bob made a motion to begin Coffee hour outdoors, using the church picnic tables, weather permitting. This will begin immediately. We will practice social distancing. Mary 2nd MC

## **Spring's God Work Our Hands-May 23, Pentecost Sunday**

Lanette made the motion to have the Spring God's Work Our Hands on May 23rd. Bob 2nd MC

It was discussed to possibly have another date for volunteers to work on the garden.

## **Honor graduates- May 16th**

We discussed having a coffee hour to honor the graduates after church at the ball field. This will be tabled until the May council meeting.

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## **Old Business:**

### **Fire-safe door for Sunday School room off the blue chair room-**

Dan reported his estimates for a fire-safe door. Metal door-rated for 3 hours \$250. Wood color door-rated 2 hours \$820.

Ann made a motion to purchase the \$250, 3 hour rated metal door. That Sunday School room will now be designated as the Records Room. Bob 2nd MC

### **Solar panels-**

We will contact Pierce Pepin and Randy (others) will meet with Jeff Olson to have him give us a report as to what the solar panels are doing for us.

**Secretary's Report-** Motion to accept by Lanette, 2nd by Sharon. MC

### **Treasurer's Report-**

Bank Designated account: \$34,852.92, Bank General Account: \$3,111.54, Bank Money Market Account: \$74,177.60. Loan to General Account: \$0.00. Amount needed each week to meet expenses: \$3,118.81.

Bob made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Dan. MC

Topic to add for next council meeting- Have fundraisers so the church doesn't need to borrow from the designated fund to make payments. We would have a Fundraising Account. Possibly having an adopt a bill program.

**Pastor's Report-** Dan made the motion to accept the report. Bob 2nd MC

### **Youth Report-**

The 9th grade confirmation students will continue to meet in April. The other confirmation students finished this year.

April 14th members will meet with the 9th graders and work with them on the Faith Statements.

August 29th is Confirmation Sunday.

May 16th we celebrate the graduates.

30 children attended the East Egg Hunt. Way to go!

There was low attendance for the Palm Sunday Brunch, most likely due to grab and go rather than the regular brunch. Lanette made the motion to accept the report. Bob 2nd. MC

**Committee Reports-**Luther Point Bible Camp will plan to have summer camp this year.

**Conflict Detection-** Next council meeting we will discuss current events of the world and how it is affecting the church.

**Adjourn-** Ann made the motion, 2nd by Bob

**Closing prayer**

**Next Meeting-** May 4, 2021, at 7:00 PM

Respectively submitted by Jill Rosenberry

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

Join our 2021 Luther Point Summer Staff! We are hiring 40 young adults to help lead our summer programming and make an impact in their world. We are looking for Jr. and Sr. Counselors, Team Leaders, Maintenance Assistant, Media Master and a Summer Cook. Follow the links for a more detail on Job Descriptions and to **apply online today!**

Go to **Luther Point Bible Camp** or <https://lutherpoint.org/employment-opportunities>



As you are cleaning out closets and sorting winter outer wear, please remember that Basics for Local Kids has a collection box outside their building on the side street by Bo- Jos Flower shop in Ellsworth. We will not be collecting at church this spring, but all winter wear in clean, good condition can be dropped off at their location. Basics for Local Kids helped 715 kids with winter wear in 2020. Thank You Evangelism Committee

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### God's Work Our Hands ~ Spring Spruce Up 2021

Calling all members, families, friends, and neighbors to join us on Sunday, May 23, 2021! 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 cookout lunch.

Projects already planned are as follows:

- Cemetery Work
- Deep Cleaning of the Sanctuary
- Trimming Shrubs and Trees
- Level and seed lawn area around the new well
- Ditch Cleanup
- Yardwork for neighbors in need
- Cook and serve the lunch (Funded by Thrivent)
- Other.....?

Thank you to the project leaders who have already committed. Watch for bulletin inserts for further details. We welcome additional projects to possibly include; quilting, pillow case dresses, sending greeting cards, ball park and more. Please contact church office if you are interested in any of those, or have other ideas.

Please **SAVE-THE-DATE** and commit **NOW** to a morning of doing God's work with **YOUR** Hands. Watch for more details.

***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, Property Committee; Bruce Place, Mike Allyn & Mark Raleigh.

### Thank You To All Who SUPPORT OUR MISSION WITH eGIVING

If you don't currently consider making your contribution through our eGiving tools!  
You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations.

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church** offers these eGiving tool:

- Visit Our Savior's Lutheran Church Website. [www.oursaviorschurch.info](http://www.oursaviorschurch.info), Locate the give tab, and Donate!
  - Simply text your donation amount to **833-506-0632** and follow the instructions.
  - Download the free GivePlus App on your phone. Find our church by zip code **54003**.

# Our Savior's Youth News ~ May 2021



Join me for the final S.O.S. Kids Crew this School Year!

Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

\*Note: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

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.



All kids are able to ride bus route #16.

Please remember to send a note to school.

If you prefer to drive your child, have them to the ball field by 4pm.

We will be at the Church ball field (weather permitting) Lucas will be grilling for us.

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).

## Blessing of the High School Graduates ~ 9am Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>



Class of 2021: Ruby Straub, Desirae Peterson, Nadia Thurmes, Payton Lawler, Dakota Pittman, Ian Peterson, Tyler Schroeder, Autumn Radkey-Earney,  
Not pictured: Haedyn Langer.



Everyone is invited to join us for the reception in the fellowship hall following the service.

# Our Savior's Youth News ~ May 2021

**BROKEN**  
& **BLESSED**  
Summer 2021  
Theme

## REMINDER TO ALL LUTHER POINT CAMPERS:

The Men In Mission will pay half of the registration cost for all campers and their friends. Register online at [lutherpoint.org](http://lutherpoint.org). Pay only the required down payment. Luther Point will bill you for the remaining amount after your discounts and the MIM half has been deducted.  
**REGISTER BEFORE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO GET THE EARLY BIRD \$15 DISCOUNT.**

**NOTE:** Friends of campers (who are not members of Our Savior's) must indicate on the registration form that they are attending with a camper from OS to receive the half-price registration from the MIM. Questions? Call Clair Severson

## Our Savior's 2021 Confirmation Class!



**Leo Parmeter, Rylan Girdeen, Brett Unser, Madison Peterson, Morgan Kolodzienski, Taylor Peterson, Dayah Halverson, and Luke Knight.**

**Affirmation of Baptism will be August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## 2021 Ellsworth Church Softball League Schedule

<b>Sunday May 23</b>	<b>Our Savior's vs Crossroads</b>	Sunday June 20	Bethel vs St Francis
Monday May 24	St Francis vs Bethel	Monday June 21	Living Waters vs Big River
Tuesday May 25	Big River vs Living Waters	<b>Tuesday June 22</b>	<b>Crossroads vs Our Savior's</b>
Wednesday May 26	Zion vs Abundant Life	Wednesday June 23	Abundant Life vs Zion
<b>Sunday May 30</b>	<b>Our Savior's vs St Francis</b>	Sunday June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Zion vs Big River
Monday May 31	Crossroads vs Bethel	<b>Monday June 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Francis vs Our Savior's</b>
Tues June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Big River vs Zion	Tuesday June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bethel vs Crossroads
Wed June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Living Waters vs Abundant Life	Wednesday June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Abundant Life vs Living Waters
<b>Sunday June 6</b>	<b>Our Savior's vs Bethel</b>	<b>Sunday July 11</b>	<b>Bethel vs Our Savior's</b>
Monday June 7	Abundant Life vs Crossroads	Monday July 12	Big River vs St Francis
Tuesday June 8	Zion vs Living Waters	Tuesday July 13	Crossroads vs Abundant Life
Wednesday June 9	St Francis vs Big River	Wednesday July 14	Living Waters vs Zion
<b>Sunday June 13</b>	<b>Our Savior's vs Big River</b>	Sunday July 18	St Francis vs Living Waters
Monday June 14	Living Waters vs St Francis	<b>Monday July 19</b>	<b>Big River vs Our Savior's</b>
Tuesday June 15	Crossroads vs Zion	Tuesday July 20	Zion vs Crossroads
Wednesday June 16	Bethel vs Abundant Life	Wednesday July 21	Abundant Life vs Bethel

\*Rain make up games week of July 25 thru 28<sup>th</sup>

\*Tournament set for July 30, 31 and August 1<sup>st</sup> with back up for August 6, 7 and 8th.

### Managers

Our Saviors	Dan Place	715-307-0304
Crossroads	Adam Christiansen	715-307-0002
St John's	John Woehrle	715-821-8724
Bethel	Sheldon Johnson	715-821-7890
St Mary's	Jay Loe	715-410-8176
Living Waters	John Hinrichs	715-307-1709
Zion	Diane Johnson	715-296-1066
Abundant Life	Shannon Bauer	715-338-6755

Games start promptly at 7 pm

2 games played each night, Games are 7 innings.

Concessions available on site.

Bring the family and enjoy the evening

Let's play ball, make new friends and enjoy the pie!!!!!!

# May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Guild</b> Rhoda Foley Belinda Foley	<b>Money Counters</b> Patricia Peterson Jill Rosenberry					1
<b>2 Cinnamon Rolls</b> 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 10am Fellowship Hour NO Sunday School	3	4 7pm Council Meeting	5	6	7	8
<b>9 Mother's Day</b> 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 10am Fellowship Hour NO Sunday School	10	11	12 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew (church ball field) Weather permitting	13	14	15
<b>16 Honoring Graduates</b> 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 10am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>23 Gods Work Our Hands</b> 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 10am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School 7pm OS vs Crossroads	24	25	26 8:30am Quilting 6pm Baccalaureate Service @ High School	27	28	29
<b>30</b> 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 9am Drive-In Worship 10am Fellowship Hour NO Sunday School 7pm OS vs St. Francis	<b>31 Memorial Day</b>					

**In-Person Worship:** As we continue to see falling cases of COVID, and more and more of our members receiving the vaccine. The Council has agreed to open up the church for worship. We still require that everyone wears a mask and participates in social distancing. Drive-in and live stream will still be an option.

**Outdoor Coffee Hour:** Council has agreed to allow outdoor coffee hour after Worship on Sundays with weather permitting. Please practice social distancing. With limited seating, feel free to bring your lawn chairs. Come and enjoy some good old fellowship.

## In Need of Prayer!



Donna Hoyer, Herb Nelson, Kevin Dement, Scott Kiefer, Dave Radatz, Katrina Platt,  
Jim Hauschildt, Calvin Boe, Ron Mireau, Shirley Nickel, Lu Johnson, Nancy Hove,  
Della Larson, Judie Goodwin, 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 at 715-273-4570, or admin.os@hbc.com



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