

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

November 2021

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

When my family moved from Virginia Beach to Hickory after my dad retired, my parents were lucky enough to build their own home that they had been planning for years. I remember, in the midst of their planning, I informed them that they were not allowed to use any mahogany in any of the woodwork of the house. Mahogany, I reminded them with all the authority of a ten-year-old obsessed with nature, is cut down in the rainforest. And we need to preserve the rainforests!

Growing up, I have seen constant headlines of terrible things happening to the natural world, from the hole in the ozone layer, to the rapid deforestation of the world's most important rainforests, to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, to ongoing extinction events of whole ecosystems, to oil slicks and coral reef bleaching, to the urgency of global climate change. An entire generation is now growing up resigned to the fact that the damage done to the environment over the past will be paid for in their lifetime. And that feels daunting, because the world is so utterly huge, and what are we supposed to do to fix it? *Can* we even fix it?

When God spoke creation into existence, and put us in charge of it (“*let us make humanity in our image...to have mastery over the birds and beasts and creeping things*”), God called all of creation “good.” And we were given a unique role in the goodness of creation—to be stewards of this garden. When we hear about “stewardship” maybe we first think of what we give in our offerings, but stewardship is first and foremost caring for the things that God has given us. One big thing God has given us is this Earth, and all the living things on it. We’re called to protect it, to take care of it, and to help everything on it “be fruitful and multiply.” So how do we do that when it’s all so huge?

Well, one way is to do what my parents did when I told them not to use mahogany. We can listen to the younger generations who will inherit this earth from us, and do what we can to make sure it’s passed on in good condition. Take those little steps, like recycling, or using paper bags rather than plastic at the store, or combining trips so less car exhaust gets into the atmosphere, or opting for fertilizers that do less damage to the environment. We can take our individual steps to use less energy that pollutes the air, or produce less trash that ends up in landfills or the oceans, or do what we can to buy sustainable products.

And we can work together. An issue as big as stewarding the entire globe means using the biggest collective things we can to make that stewardship work—pressuring our representatives to pass laws to protect the environment from destruction, boycotting corporations that wreak havoc on the environment, working together for advice and support on how we can be better stewards all together than we ever could be on our own. One of our synod justice resolutions was to grow in our stewardship of creation that’s been given to us. Let’s do justice for the natural world by taking on that mantle, and doing all that we can to care for the very good creation that God has given us to steward.

For more information on how we are called to enact justice through our Synod, check out the website at nswi.org, and look at the “Social Justice & Advocacy” tab on the right. We are committed to doing justice—*mishpat*, *tsedekah*, and *shalom*—so that the image of God in all people will be honored by us.

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.

December 19

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

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2021

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

Attending: Sharon Seibel, Debbi Pittman, Randy Winger, Jill Rosenberry, Mary Straub, Pastor Lucas, Bob Winger, Lanette Place, Ann Young, Dan Place.

Absent: Gabe Feuerhelm and Patricia Peterson.

Opening Devotions: Bob Winger Being Kind, Loving your brother Romans 12

New Business:

1. October Money counters: Lanette & Sharon
2. October Devotions: Sharon Seibel
3. 2022 Budget Request: Sunday School would like to go back up to \$500 a year. It was cut due to no Sunday School during the pandemic.
4. Elevator Repairs: Arrow Lift has given quote of \$2109.53 to fix the elevator and replace batteries. Lanette made a
5. motion to approve the maintenance on the elevator. Debbi 2nd. MC
6. Sunday School: They meet every other week. They are struggling to find teachers. They especially need to find music leader.

Old Business:

1. Pastor Lucas' Parental Leave Proposal: After much discussion, Bob mad a motion to accept the parent leave as written with change of the pastor will be available for funerals and one more week of Pastor's vacation will be used during parental leave, making it one less week of full-time leave. Ann 2nd. MC. A letter will be written and shared with the congregation about the details.
2. Sound System Update: Brickhouse installed the new microphones. They are working, so now the pulpit and alter can be used. There are 3 new camera angles for the on-line service. Payment will come out of the Capital Fund.
3. Lutefisk Supper: 96 orders are currently placed. This is down from last year. Extra fish is being ordered. The order time was slightly extended.

Secretary's Report- Sharon made a motion to accept as written. Pastor Lucas 2nd. MC

Treasurer's Report-

Designated Account \$28,809.63

General Account \$248.78

Money Market \$73,989.70

Total: \$103,048.11

Property Insurance was paid from last year's Lutefisk Supper money.

Dan made a motion to accept the report as written. Lanette 2nd. MC

Pastor's report- Confirmation has started. Pastor Lucas would like the council and committees to resume our Mission Planning Event, in order to have a focused goal for the year. He will email out questions to consider for making our goals.

Youth Report-

The Ice Cream Social brought in \$903.

The first two Cinnamon Roll Sundays are October 10th and November 7th.

9th grade Confirmation- Every Wednesday.

SOS Kids Crew- Wednesday, October 20th.

Youth Craft Day- Sunday, October 17th, 11am-2pm. Sign up in the Narthex.

Somerset Escape Room- Sunday, November 14th, 1-4pm. Sign up in the Narthex.

College Kits- Sending out by end of October.

Debbi made a motion to accept the Youth Report. Bob 2nd MC

Committee Reports: Property Committee- Lines are painted in the church parking lot.

Conflict Detection- none

Adjourn- Motion made to adjourn by Dan, 2nd by Bob MC

Closing Prayer

Next Council Meeting November 2, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Rosenberry

Men In Mission Meeting

- 10/16/21

After breakfast by Clair and Donna, the business meeting was called to order by Pres. Lemoine Baker.

The secretary's report was read.. Following corrections were made: We never bought plastic pump containers for ketchup and mustard at the fair. We used the bottles as before. The softball tournament was held on two Sunday's, Aug. 1st and Aug. 8th. Brian J. has brush hogged the ball field one time. The secretary's report was approved.

Tom H. reported that we have \$6165 in the Luther Point Bible Camp Fund, \$1800 in the general fund, and \$19204 in the fair stand fund. The report was approved.

Clair reported that we made \$17,526 at the fair. If we take our fair account of \$19,204 and hold back \$3000 for next year's start up and \$1000 for possible improvements next spring, we will be giving the church \$15,204 for outreach ministries. Motion made by Clair, seconded by Brian to do that!

Recent Thank You notes to the MIM for financial help to Luther Point campers were read.

No Old Business

New Business:

Motion made by Clair, seconded by Brian to have an Oyster Stew, tentative date being Jan. 16, 2022. We plan on having Donna's Chicken, wild rice, Tom's chili, Clair's vegetable beef soup and, of course, oyster stew. We hope church can be scheduled for 10:00 that Sunday since there is no Sunday school on that date. Bruce Place will apply for a Thrivent Action Team to help with the expenses. Left overs will be frozen for later sales.

Motion made by Brian and seconded by Donna to give the Frandsen's \$350 as a token of our appreciation for their volunteer work of mowing the ball field.

The Candy Walk is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 18th. We are trying to coincide that with the UCC cookie sale.

Donna reported that the past softball season was a great success with many close games. We had record concession sales of \$5332. About \$1100 of that was made on each of the two tournament Sunday's. We will need a work day out there next spring.

MIM will serve coffee on Nov. 21st.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEES

It's budgeting time. In the several weeks your Church Council will be working on the 2022 budget for Our Savior's. Please give some thought to your committee's financial needs for the upcoming year. It's most helpful in this planning process to get input directly from the committees, especially if you anticipate a significant change from this past year. You may submit this information to your council liaison or to the church office. Thank you.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



Operation Christmas Child:

Collection Sunday is November 14th.

To do a shoebox use a standard size shoebox. Now how to fill the shoebox.

"Wow" items: soccer ball with pump, doll, shoes, stuffed animals, **Toy items:** cars, jump ropes, yo-yo's, toys that light up with extra batteries. **Personal items:** toothbrushes, combs, hair brush, wash clothes, bars of soap. **School items:** pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks,

tablets, paper, coloring books, story books, solar calculator. **Accessories:** socks, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights with extra batteries.

DO NOT SEND: candy, gum, toothpaste, scary or war liked items, seeds, lotions, food, medications, liquids, vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, aerosol cans.

Donation for shipping a shoe box is \$9.

If anyone has questions feel free to call me at 715-273-4398. If I don't answer please leave a message. If you want you can mail donations to me at: W6352 610th Ave. Ellsworth, WI 54011. Thank-you! Peggy Hoyer

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER: to the 2021 Our Saviors scholarship recipients: Please return the O.S.

Scholarship Recipient Confirmation form to Nadalie Place as soon as possible. This form is confirmation that you are attending college this fall which is a requirement for releasing the scholarship funds. If you need another copy of the form, please contact Nadalie Place at 715/790-3897 or nadgiff@yahoo.com. The form can be returned by email to nadgiff@yahoo.com or mailed to W7214 690th Avenue, Beldenville, WI 54003.

NOTE: The Endowment Committee is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 school term. The completed application must be returned by December 1st, 2021.

Please contact Nadalie Place at 715-790-3897 or nadgiff@yahoo.com if you need an application.

Puzzle & VHS Tape Library:



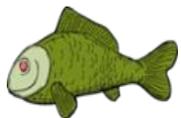
The jigsaw puzzle library continues to grow. It started with the COVID Safer-at-Home-Order and continues to be used and enjoyed by many. We have moved the puzzles to the children's library shelves, which formerly held VHS tapes. Because the VHS tapes get very little, if any, use (how many of us even have a player?) this seems like a good plan at least in the short term.

The VHS tapes are boxed up for now. We welcome suggestions for them. Donate? Recycle? Repurpose? Dispose of?

Please contact the church office if you have questions or ideas for re-homing these items.

THANK YOU

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Thank you very much for your continued support of Basics for Local Kids! You make a positive difference in the lives of local kids! Thank you Kim



A BIG THANK YOU to all the people who stepped up to help make our Lutefisk Take-Out another big success. We had around 105 take-out orders. More detailed information will come out in the December Newsletter.

We are blessed with a wonderful group of members here at Our Savior's! Audrey & Clair S.

Our Savior's Youth News ~ November 2021



Sunday School News!

We will begin and end each Sunday School session in the sanctuary. Our sessions include an opening, the focused bible story, activity and closing.

This year we will be celebrating birthdays by placing pennies in the Birthday Church. Please have your child(ren) bring in the same number of pennies as their birthday year. 😊

This year's curriculum is Simply Loved and our theme for the year is God Always Loves Us.

We will also collect an offering every Sunday School session and our offerings will go to help support another organization in our church family.

Our Christmas program will be.
December 19th at 10am

The Calendar for this year:

Nov. 7th and 21st

Dec. 5th and 12th

Christmas program 19th

Jan. 9th and 23rd

Feb. 6th and 20th

Mar. 20th

April 3rd and 24th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Youth Group

S. O. S.
Servants of the Savior
"God's Work...Our Hands"

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

Wednesday, November 17th

4:00 – 5:30 pm

I would like to invite all youth in 1st through 5th grade, along with their friends.

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.**

A snack will be provided.

We will not be serving supper, so please plan to pick your child up at 5:30pm.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me

at 715-307-2739 or

youthdirector.os@hbci.com

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*Want to put your mind to the test!
Let's see if we can solve and Escape
from the Christmas Story.*

For All Youth ages 12 or Older.

Sunday November 14th 1-4pm

*Sign-up sheet and
permission slips
are on the youth bulletin board.

Cost: \$10.00

Schedule:

Meet at church by 1pm
Escape Room 2-3pm
Back at Church around 4pm



*A Christmas Story is a classic holiday movie that is a must
watch each year. Somerset Escape Rooms invites us to immerse
into the family. Do you know the movie? Can you find the gift
from Aunt Clara? Will you win the award? Can you find the
Red Ryder BB gun for Ralphie?*

November Youth Schedule

Wednesday, November 3rd, and 10th
Confirmation 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday November 14th
Escape Room Youth Event
1-4pm detailed information on Youth Bulletin Board.

Wednesday, October 17th
SOS Kids Crew 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Youth Night 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday, October 24th
No Confirmation (Happy Thanksgiving) 7:00pm – 8:00pm

All Youth in Grades 8th – 12th
You Don't Want to Miss Out On This Opportunity!
Sign-Up!
Sign -up sheet on Youth Bulletin Board or contact Patricia.

Need a Male Chaperone!

EPHESIANS 3:19 CEV
I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.

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GOD BEYOND MEASURE

2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

July 24-28 | Minneapolis, MN

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PRE-GATHERING EVENTS
JULY 21-24



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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Carron Parmeter Kathy Young Money Counters: Dan Place Gabe Feuerhelm	1	2 7pm Council Meeting	3 7-8pm Confirmation	4	5	6
7 Cinnamon Rolls 9am Live Stream Worship Pastor Jon Becker 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour 9:45am SS Hour	8	9	10 7-8pm Confirmation	11	12	13
14 Collection Sunday Operation Christmas Child 9am Live Stream Worship Reverend Carol Peterson 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour Cinnamon rolls NO SS Hour 1-4pm Escape Room Youth Event	15	16	17 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 7-8pm Youth Night	18	19	20
21 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour 9:45am SS Hour	22	23	24 No Quilting No Confirmation	25 Happy Thanksgiving	26	27
28 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour NO SS hour	29	30				

November 2021

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Tech. Assistant	Bell Ringer
Nov. 7 9:00 am	Lanette Place	Roger/Pauline Laughnan	Derek Johnson	Roger/Pauline Laughnan
Nov. 14 9:00 am	Ann Young	Rosenberry Family	Pearl Shelley	Roger/Pauline Laughnan
Nov. 21 9:00 am	Tom Holdorf	Dan/Nadalie Place Family	Karli Foley-Nelson	Roger/Pauline Laughnan
Nov. 28 9:00 am	Rhoda Foley	TBD	TBD	Roger/Pauline Laughnan



In Need of Prayer!

Ashley Hinrichs, Dylan, Larry Young, Michelle Bartkey, Eldon Schellfeffer, Norma Taplin, Priscilla Schoeneck, Mary Jo Bjork, Herb Nelson, Scott Kiefer, Dave Radatz, Jim Hauschildt, 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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THERE'S
→ *always*
something TO
BE thankful
FOR

A decorative graphic featuring a wreath of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. An arrow with a feathered tail points to the right, positioned above the word 'always' in the text.