

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,

I have never been very good at writing thank-you notes. I'm not really sure why, since my parents definitely taught me to write them. It's a practice that a lot of our parents tried to drill into us, and clearly it worked on some of us better than others! But much like any other kind of act of thankfulness, writing a thank-you note is a skill that takes practice. We can't get good at it if we neglect it or give up on it in frustration.

In her book, *Grateful*, Diana Butler Bass writes about how writing thank-you notes is just a small part of embodying a life that embodies and shares gratitude. She suggests taking on practices in gratitude, including writing down one thing each day that you are thankful for. When you take the time to recognize those things that are going well, that you feel blessed by, that give your life just a little more joy or meaning or hope, you'll quickly discover just how grateful you can be. But, she points out, it's not a skill that comes naturally. It takes practice.

And one way that our gratitude can be turned into a practice is through our stewardship. When we read about acts of stewardship and the offering of first fruits in the Bible, it's not a coincidence that those actions happen during the harvest season. The offering is an act of thanks to God for abundance and blessings. And like any other act of gratitude (from thank-you cards to journaling what you're grateful for), turning the thanks we feel for God's bounty into purposeful stewardship of those blessings takes practice.

This month you'll notice a page about stewardship in the newsletter. I hope we'll all take the time to look it over and use it to reflect on our own stewardship. As you look it over, think about how you want your gratitude to be reflected in your giving. Remember that gratitude is a learned skill that takes practice! So start from where you are, and reflect on where God is calling you to be. Think of your giving in terms of your gratitude.

I'm still working on writing thank-you notes consistently. It's not something that comes naturally, so I have to keep paying attention to it, and getting better at it. It's no different from our stewardship. Keep up the practice. Be purposeful. And let that gratitude be from a place of joy—it's about being thankful, after all!

In Christ,
Pastor Lucas

New Members Sunday: Sunday November 13th.

Contact Pastor Lucas or the Office if you are interested in joining Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

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.

November 13th, December 11th

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.
admin.os@hbc.com, 715-273-4570

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022

Call Meeting to Order: President Randy Winger at 7:06 PM

Attending: Debbi Pittman, Randy Winger, Jill Rosenberry, Bob Winger, Patricia Peterson, Pastor Lucas, Ann Young, Lanette Place, Dan Place

Absent: Gabe Feuerhelm, Donna Constant, John Traun, Sharon Seibel

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas lead a book study on a section of *Waking Up White*, by Debby Irving. We will discuss the next section at the November council meeting.

New Business:

- **October Money counters & Tech assistants:** Jill and Gabe
- **November money counters & Tech assistants:** Dan and whoever can help.
- **Confirmation start of year:** There are 32 students. There has been good attendance.
- **Sunday School start of year:** They meet two Sundays a month. The Cross-generational lesson was greatly attended and very well done.

Renting out building space: Since we have many rooms that aren't used consistently, we could rent a room to a person that needs an office space with internet in order to generate some income.

Old Business:

Lutefisk Supper Updates-

There is a sign-up for workers at church. Patricia has a sign-up for youth to help set up the night before or at the supper. We have had a good reply to reservations, with some time slots full. We are taking 50 reservations every half hour.

Secretary's Report-

Bob made a motion, seconded by Patricia, to approve the September 6, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented by Lanette. M/C

Treasurer's Report-

Designated Account \$54,003.91

General Account \$260.24

Money Market \$232,663.19

Total: \$286,927.34

Debbi reported that we have paid back \$2070.00 so far that we borrowed from the designated fund for fuel. We thank all those that have generously donated to the Fuel Fund and to the MIM.

Patricia reported that since we are a nonprofit, Pierce Pepin says we can sign up as residential for our fiber-optics internet instead of a business. This will be a less expensive rate. Patricia will order the installation, paying for it with the checking debit card.

We will change the column labeled "Parsonage Sale", in the Designated accounts to "Parsonage Sale/Estate Contribution".

Lanette made a motion, seconded by Dan, to accept the Treasurer's report as written. M/C

Pastor's report- Pastor Lucas reported the beginning of Confirmation has been going well. Pastor will be working with Donald Rosenberry III for his Christian Leadership class at seminary. Donald will be working on making confirmation lessons, leading worship as assisting minister, and preaching at least once. We have received five copies of *All Creation Songs* hymnals. We will start incorporating some of the songs. They will have familiar melodies with new words. Complete report on file. Bob made a motion, seconded by Ann to accept the Pastor's report as written. M/C

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Youth Report-

Patricia highlighted a few events from her printed report. The next Cinnamon Roll Sunday will be November 6th. There are 2023 Scripture Calendars and Christmas Cards available for purchase on the Youth Table in the dining room. Silent Auction fundraiser will be November 20-December 11. The next Mission Trip will be July 9-15, 2023, to Mission, South Dakota. The Youth Report is on file. lanette made a motion, seconded by Pastor, to accept the report as written. M/C

Committee Reports-

Property Committee: Painting has started on the south side of the church. The elevator is fixed, but the phone is not working.

Ballpark Fund- Donna's grant application has been chosen as one of the top three for The Power of 100 Women grant. She will present it soon to see if hers has been chosen.

Conflict Detection- Batteries for the church AED, located near the sacristy, remain on back order. The ball park AED has been returned to church, installed down in the dining room. Dan Place is going to search out other suppliers for replacement batteries.

Adjourn- Bob made a motion, seconded by Patricia to adjourn at 8:30 pm. M/C

Closing Prayer-The Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: November 8, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Rosenberry



WANTED:



Fellowship Hour Hosts

Have a special occasion to celebrate or possibly a fundraiser?

We're looking for members to host the Sunday morning coffee hour following worship services.

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen.
Or you may call the church office to reserve your date..

Please consider signing up.

FUNERAL FUND

Death is never a pleasant thing. It's not something we enjoy talking about, and sometimes it's a thing we don't even want to think about. But there are times when death will visit our family at unexpected times, and that pain is made worse when life circumstances make it hard for us to honor our loved ones with the kind of funeral we want them to have. Our congregation has been blessed to have a generous family who want to make sure no family will feel the ache of not having the financial resources to honor their loved one the way they hope. If you find yourself in these circumstances, or know a member who is, please contact the office.

What does your giving look like?

If your household income is...	Then your weekly tithe could be...	But if you're not there, each week you could give:								
		1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%
\$15,080	\$29.00	\$2.90	\$5.80	\$8.70	\$11.60	\$14.50	\$17.40	\$20.30	\$23.20	\$26.10
\$20,000	\$38.46	\$3.85	\$7.69	\$11.54	\$15.38	\$19.23	\$23.08	\$26.92	\$30.77	\$34.62
\$30,000	\$57.69	\$5.77	\$11.54	\$17.31	\$23.08	\$28.85	\$34.62	\$40.38	\$46.15	\$51.92
\$40,000	\$76.92	\$7.69	\$15.38	\$23.08	\$30.77	\$38.46	\$46.15	\$53.85	\$61.54	\$69.23
\$50,000	\$96.15	\$9.62	\$19.23	\$28.85	\$38.46	\$48.08	\$57.69	\$67.31	\$76.92	\$86.54
\$60,000	\$115.38	\$11.54	\$23.08	\$34.62	\$46.15	\$57.69	\$69.23	\$80.77	\$92.31	\$103.85
\$70,000	\$134.62	\$13.46	\$26.92	\$40.38	\$53.85	\$67.31	\$80.77	\$94.23	\$107.69	\$121.15
\$80,000	\$153.85	\$15.38	\$30.77	\$46.15	\$61.54	\$76.92	\$92.31	\$107.69	\$123.08	\$138.46
\$90,000	\$173.08	\$17.31	\$34.62	\$51.92	\$69.23	\$86.54	\$103.85	\$121.15	\$138.46	\$155.77
\$100,000	\$192.31	\$19.23	\$38.46	\$57.69	\$76.92	\$96.15	\$115.38	\$134.62	\$153.85	\$173.08
\$110,000	\$211.54	\$21.15	\$42.31	\$63.46	\$84.62	\$105.77	\$126.92	\$148.08	\$169.23	\$190.38
\$120,000	\$230.77	\$23.08	\$46.15	\$69.23	\$92.31	\$115.38	\$138.46	\$161.54	\$184.62	\$207.69
\$130,000	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$225.00
\$140,000	\$269.23	\$26.92	\$53.85	\$80.77	\$107.69	\$134.62	\$161.54	\$188.46	\$215.38	\$242.31
\$150,000	\$288.46	\$28.85	\$57.69	\$86.54	\$115.38	\$144.23	\$173.08	\$201.92	\$230.77	\$259.62

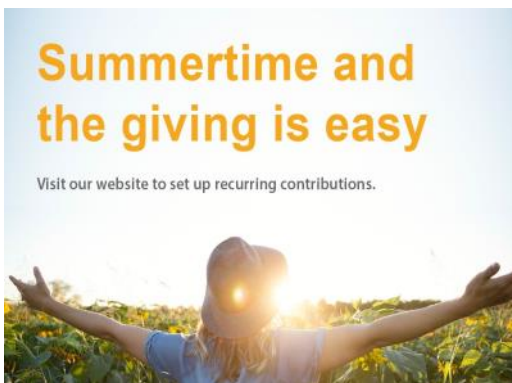
God loves a cheerful giver (1 Corinthians 9:7), so your offering should bring you JOY!

Whether you have met your tithe and give even more, or if with other obligations you still manage to regularly give 1%, what matters is that you answer God's call to generosity, and you do so regularly and purposefully. If you're not a regular giver, take time with God to find out how you could be, and how much you want to give.

What discipline of generosity fits your life best? Could your offering be in an envelope on Sunday, a direct online withdrawal, or a check in the mail? You could even try out different ones and figure out which one works to best express your thankfulness!

Let's all celebrate what you can give, imagine what level you want your giving to be, and take steps to make it happen.

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!

OUTSTANDING BILLS: With needing to pay some large bills all at once, including insurance and prepaid gas. We currently owe \$10,097.61 to our designated account. Your generosity is helping us get that number down! Please prayerfully consider helping out by making an extra donation to this fund so we can continue to keep the building heated and our ministries going. Thank you, Our Savior's Council.

THANK YOU

The 74th Lutefisk Supper Is Over For 2022: We served 400 dine-in, 84 workers and filled 35 take-out orders. It truly takes a whole village of Our Savior's members and friends to do all the tasks that need to be done. We thank you all and especially the team leaders in each department. You all went above and beyond to get things done. We constantly heard that everyone enjoyed their dining experience. Tusen Takk.

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the gift of \$500.00. I am extremely grateful and humbled by your partnership!! We have started our Friday morning Bible Study in Altoona. I'm praying we can start something in Menomonie. Love & Hugs Debi Emery.

Assistance Resource Center: Thank You for your recent gift of \$500.00 in support of ARC's local mission. Your dollars will be spent to assist clients with meeting bills for rent, utilities, car repairs, gas and so much more. You may not know their names but know that they are so grateful for your help. 98 cents of every \$1 donated goes back to direct client assistance. On behalf of the entire ARC board, let me express our gratitude. Sharon Schulze, Board Chair

Basics for Local Kids: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Thank you very much for continuing to support local kids through Basics for Local Kids! You have been a part of us serving over 500 kids already this year Thank you Kim

Ellsworth Senior Center: Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Thank you for your \$250.00 donation to 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. Again we appreciate your donation for the Ellsworth Senior Center. Sincerely Janelle Braund

Hunger Prevention Council: Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church, We would like to thank you for the recent gift of \$1,000.00 to our organization. We appreciate your continued support for our mission as we support Pierce County residents' quality of life by providing equitable access to food and resources. Your generous gift will help us to purchase much needed nutritional and personal care items as well as equipment to protect the safety of our volunteers and clients. Again thank you for considering our organization for this gift. It will go a long way to help the members of our community. Sincerely, Heidi Albarado

Used Electronics and Technology

While cleaning out closets, we have found some equipment that we no longer have a use for. These items will be located on a table in the fellowship hall for two weeks. Feel free to take anything that you can use. After November 10th, everything will be disposed of.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of November we will be collecting light weight items for the Backpack program. Items can include; microwave popcorn, dry packets of soup mix, ramen noodles and etc... Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of

the church. Thank you for showing your concern.

Money donations excepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Lets help end hunger in Pierce County.

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

Wednesday December 28th

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living

2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services



We will be participating in the Ellsworth School Foundation/Gift Box Program again this year as in the past. Our coffee hour proceeds from last Sunday will be going towards our expenses. Thank you all for that. We will be sponsoring between 20 and 30 people who are financially unable to buy Christmas gifts for their families. The tree, with ornaments on it, will go up by November 20th. Gifts need to be turned back in, wrapped or unwrapped, by December 4th. They will all be delivered to the collection point by December 12th. Watch the weekly bulletins for more information. Thanks for all your help with this big project.

The Evangelism Committee: Heather Johnson, Pauline Laughnan, and Sharon Peterson



Operation Christmas Child

Collection Sunday being **Nov. 13th.**

Postage for a shoe box is \$10 a box.

There is a collection box in the back of the church if you wish to just bring items.

Also monetary gifts are welcome.

Basic items for boxes are colors crayons, activity books, school supplies, toothbrushes, combs, hair items, soap (no liquid soap), wash-cloths, jump ropes, balls, dolls, stickers, socks, hats, shoes,

t-shirts, sewing items, fabric, small tools, or items that will fit in a shoe box.

*No candy, war related items, seeds, food, gum, or liquids.

There are brochures with more information.

Any questions feel free to talk to

Ron and Darlene Halverson or Peggy Hoyer.

Peggy's contact information is

715-273-4398,



Candy Walk Fundraiser: I am teaming up with Patricia again this year to raise money for the College kits and help with continued improvements at the ball field. We are going to have the Candy Walk on **Saturday Dec.10th from 8am to 12pm.** We are doing this in conjunction with St Paul's Church's annual cookie walk. We are asking for your help to make homemade Candy, and maybe some Norwegian treats. We would love to see up to 10 dozen of one item. Please have the treats to the Church before or on set-up day Friday December 9th. We are also asking for crafts - if you are crafty and not a baker that works too. The Silent Auction Youth Fundraiser will also be set up for all

to bid on. The cost for the walk will be \$10.00 per pound and any specialty items will be priced individually.

We will be set-up before church and after the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 11th.

Please help us with our fundraiser - we are excited and hope the community will be as well.

If you have any questions contact Donna Constant 715-307-0451

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Carron Parmeter Kathy Young Money Counters/ Tech Assistants Dan Place		1	2 7pm Confirmation	3	4	5
6 Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Cross-Gen. Event 10am Sunday School Hour	7	8 7pm Council Meeting	9 7pm Confirmation	10	11	12 8am MIM Meeting
13 New Members Sunday 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School Hour Operation Christmas Child Collection Sunday	14	15	16 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 5:30-6:30pm Youth Family Meal 7pm Youth Night	17	18	19
20 Silent Auction Starts 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 10am Sunday School Hour	21	22	23 No Confirmation	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School Hour	28	29	30 7pm Confirmation			

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server	Assisting Minister
Nov. 6th	Mike Allyn, Mary H.	Karli Foley-Nelson	Ada Erlandson	Clair	Roger	Audrey	Donald
9:00AM	Jenny Jahnke	Patricia Peterson	Mari Allyn	Severson	Laughnan	Severson	Rosenberry
Nov. 13th	Tim & Jodi Wiff	Nora Christopherson	George Rohl	Steve	Roger	Clair	Lanette
9:00AM	Bob & Brenda Winger	Dan Place	Breken Young	Straub	Laughnan	Severson	Place
Nov. 20th	Mark & Crystal Raleigh	Pearl Shelley	Dustyn Raleigh	Larry	Roger	Donna	Rhoda
9:00AM	Sharon & Larry Peterson	Patricia Peterson	Maddie Constant	Peterson	Laughnan	Constant	Foley
Nov. 27th	Todd & Connie Girdeen	Nora Feuerhelm	Carly Girdeen	Audrey	Roger	Becky	Tom
9:00AM	Gabe & Katie Feuerhelm	Dan Place	Lucy Feuerhelm	Severson	Laughnan	Johnson	Holdorf

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 or call Lori Coulson, Mary Halls, or Vicki Bowen if you have any questions. Lori: 715--821-3731 Mary: 715-307-0842, Vicki: 612-756-5067. Instructions for each ministry position are posted in the narthex.



In Need of Prayer!

John Paape, Wayne Peterson, Joe Minder, Ann Leonard,
 Elise Foley, Ian Peterson, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.
 If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.
 The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

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