

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

November 2023

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

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Dear siblings in Christ,

For the longest time, I would celebrate Thanksgiving dinner with my dad's family in Alabama. His side is a huge Catholic family, and so we would all cram into my Uncle Steve's ranch-style home, spreading out across any room that we could take up to eat the meal. As a result, there wasn't the tradition of going around the table to say what we were thankful for—there wasn't a single table around which we could do that! It's a long way to southern Alabama, and so since Annie and I got married, we've celebrated Thanksgiving with her family—which is much smaller. I love the tradition of naming what we're thankful for, and each year I look forward to that traditional moment during the dinner.

Thankfulness is the theme of this month, but it's something we can practice all the time. God has given us so many good things, from our family and friends to our homes and careers, our kids and our possessions. But especially, we can be thankful for the talents that God has blessed us with. And sometimes, when we use that term, "talents," we get stuck on the idea that the "talent" needs to be something spectacular. Something we could use in a talent show, or practice professionally, or impress others with. But when we talk about "talents," we really just mean something God has given you the ability to do well.

For example, I know God has given me the talent of music. I love to sing and I'm decent at picking up melodies and can even play an okay banjo. It's not professional level to be sure. It's certainly not going to win any awards. But with it, I can praise God. I can further God's kingdom. That's really what we mean by "talents." They're abilities that you have that you can use to help build up God's kingdom in the world. Perhaps your talent is that you have a knack for fixing things. Or maybe it's deft hands that can easily sew a quilt. Or perhaps you have some amazing baking skills. Or maybe it's your ability to make people feel heard. Talents don't have to be mind-blowing. They just have to be useful to God's work! So this Advent, the stewardship committee wants to highlight those talents of yours. But they know that we are all far too modest to put our own name forward, so here's what we want you to do: think about people in the congregation who have some kind of talent that they've contributed toward God's mission in and with us. It can be big; it can be small. But whatever that talent is, they want you to share what you see. Because each of us has talents that God has given us for the good of all, even when we don't realize it. And sometimes, we need someone else to tell us what those talents are and that we are thankful for them!

Because this is the month to be thankful. And when we reach the season of Advent, it's a season of preparing for the Lord by recognizing what gifts we've been given. So celebrate your friends and family and what talents God has blessed them with. Let them know why you're thankful for them, because they might not believe they're worth celebrating! We can be joyful and give glory to God by naming the ways that God has made us capable of so many good things that we can use to serve others. After all, isn't that exactly what we're doing when we go around the table on Thanksgiving?

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.

**November 12th, December 17th, January 14th, February 11th, March 30th**

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.

# Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

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**October 3, 2023**

**Call Meeting to Order:** Vice President, Ann Young at 7:00 PM

**Attending:** Pastor Lucas, Debbi Pittman, Lanette Place, Donna Constant, Audrey Severson, Patricia Peterson, John Traun, Ann Young, Mike Rehbein, guest: Bruce Place

**Absent:** Jill Rosenberry, Tim Wiff, Ron Halverson, Mark Jensen

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Lucas read Psalm 63, followed by God sighting discussion.

## **New Business:**

Money Counters & Tech Assistants for Oct. are Tim and Jill. Nov. is Ann and Audrey.

Lutefisk Supper – Patricia reported that we already have 300 dinner reservations of the 500 available. Lanette advised the ad will be going in the PC Journal this week, also had fliers available for council members to take. As a fundraiser the youth are selling OS Lutefisk Supper 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts. Order form is on-line and youth program will receive \$5 for each shirt sold, with order deadline of Oct. 12.

Swift Current Internet and Phone – Application has been submitted to convert our phone lines from AT&T to Swift Current. We will retain the same phone number. This, along with the internet transfer from HBC, should happen soon.

4-H Donation – Tabled to next meeting.

Light Up the Fair – After much discussion, John made motion to approve having our church fairstand open for the second weekend of this event, Dec. 15 & 16. Lucas seconded the motion. M/C.

## **Old Business:**

Photo Directory – Patricia and Jill Jordahl are working on designing the book. Council preferred the smaller book, vs the 8 ½ X 11 we used to get. Those members who were unable to do the photo session, may still submit a photo, or use the one from the 2019 directory, for a \$15 fee. Final date to submit that photo is Oct. 13.

**Secretary's Report:** Debbi made motion, seconded by Audrey to approve the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes as printed by Lanette Place, substitute secretary. M/C.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbi reported Sept. 30, 2023 balances as follows:

Designated account	\$45,590.49
General account	\$147.82
Money Market	\$33,536.75
Total cash & Bank Accounts	\$79,275.06

Debbi is working with three of our vendors regarding billing errors/clarifications: AT&T, Loffler (copy machine) and OneLicense. Lanette made motion, seconded by Patricia to accept the September, 2023 Treas. report as presented by Debbi. M/C

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**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Lucas reported on his pastoral ministry for the month of September, and highlighted the congregational celebrations: Outdoor Worship Extravaganza, GWOH, Confirmation Kickoff, and Directory photos. He's looking forward to upcoming Lutefisk Supper, Bible Distribution for 4YK & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, and Reformation Sunday. Donna made motion, seconded by John to approve. M/C

**Youth Report:** Patricia was very pleased with the attendance and the \$1,135 donations for the pie & ice cream social. Possibly a record. She reported on upcoming October events, especially encouraged by the 20 people to date who have signed up for Feed My Starving Children. Full report is on file. John moved to approve, Debbi seconded, M/C.

## **Committee Reports:**

Property: Bruce Place, in Tim's absence, gave an update from the insurance company for the church building shingle replacement. Ed Rohl Construction's bid was approved. A check will be issued soon for the bulk of the expense (\$103,189), with 35% (\$56,102) held back until the work is complete. Donna made motion to proceed with this project, seconded by John. M/C. Bruce also reported about the on-going problem with water leaking in the office foyer every time it rains, the recent striping of the parking lot, and the plans to get the outside lights working prior to Lutefisk Supper.

Stewardship: Lanette updated members with the current emphasis "Care of Creation" involving plastic bag and wrap collection. The recycle bin is getting a lot of use.

Worship: Donna & Pastor Lucas reviewed the successful Outdoor Worship Extravaganza event, both enthusiastic about doing it again next year, continuing blessing of tractors/trucks, inviting community, serving lunch.

**Conflict Detection:** Donna recently learned that we need to have the electrical at the ballpark building inspected by the State, since we serve food & it is considered commercial. She is working to get that arranged.

**Next Meeting:** Since our regular meeting date, Nov. 7, is election day, as well as a couple other conflicts, we are holding the **November meeting on MONDAY, NOV. 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**Adjourn:** On motion made by Lanette, seconded by Audrey & carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Respectfully submitted by Lanette Place

## 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;

**Personal Care items, Baking items; Flour, Sugar, Baking Mixes.**

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church.

Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations are accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations can be made @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.



## Support Our Mission with eGiving

This Season, consider making your gifts using our eGiving tools. Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers online: [www.oursaviorschurch.info](http://www.oursaviorschurch.info) "give" tab  
Text-to-Give: 833-506-0632.



Anyone interested in a  
group Bible Study?

Preferred day of the  
week:

☐ S ☐ M ☐ T ☐ W ☐ Th ☐ F

Time of day:

- ☐ Morning
- ☐ Afternoon
- ☐ Evening

Books or Topics that interest you.

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**2023 Preferred Living  
&**

**Ellsworth Health Services  
Worship Schedule for Our Savior's**

**Wednesday November 15th**

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living,

2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

## UPCOMING EVENTS



We will be participating in the Ellsworth School Foundation Gift Box Program again this year. We will be sponsoring approximately 25 people who are financially unable to buy Christmas gifts for their families. The Christmas tree with ornaments on it, that have gifts printed on them to purchase, will be ready on November 19th. Watch the weekly bulletin for more information. Thanks in advance for all your help with this BIG project. Many hands

**New Member Sunday:** If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Our Savior's, please contact the church office or Pastor Lucas. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 26th.



### Operation Christmas Child:

Kick off Sunday was October 29th. Collection Sunday will be on November 12th. There will be a box in the Narthex for collection of items to put in the shoeboxes. Monetary gifts can be mailed or given to Peggy Hoyer. There are items that can't go in the shoebox. Some on the list are candy, toothpaste, gum, damaged items, war like items, food, seeds, medicine, fruit snacks, liquid or powdered drinks, glass containers or aerosol cans. Get a brochure from Peggy to see all the suggested items for the shoebox.

Peggy Hoyer, W6352 610th Ave,  
Ellsworth, WI 54011 or call 715-273-4398.



It's that time of year again! Time to register to ring the bell for The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign!

Last year, with your help, we were able to raise \$341,000 over the holiday season - \$140,000 of which came from the Red Kettle Campaign. This year, we would like to increase that number to \$160,000.

We will need many ringers to help us reach our goal, so be sure to invite your friends, family members and fellow congregants to join you!

**WILL YOU HELP US BLESS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BY RINGING THE BELL THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON?**

Proceeds from bell ringing allow The Salvation Army to feed and shelter residents at Grace Place, prevent homelessness with emergency rent and utility assistance, and offer transportation support for local residents who are starting a new job.

This year, bell ringing will take place November 16th- December 23rd. To reserve your preferred spot, **REGISTER NOW** at [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com) or call Patty Gallaty at 715-554-4928. Please note: we have a special need for ringers the week of Thanksgiving.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this important call to service,

Your Friends at The  
Salvation Army of St. Croix  
County



To the wonderful congregation, Thank You so much! We really felt all of the love of your community with your volunteers working so hard, the treats you brought out and the gift of support.

In our shared vision that everyone deserves a safe place to call home, we certainly felt welcomed to Ellsworth! In Gods Love, Kristie Dave, Jessie and the Team.



# OUR SAVIOR'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This is an educational scholarship for the 2024-2025 school term from Our Savior's Lutheran Church via the Endowment Committee. This scholarship application must be received by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the 2024-2025 school year. Students enrolled in a four-year degree college are eligible for a \$400 scholarship award. Students enrolled in a two-year or less post high school program are eligible for a \$200 award. The exact number of awards to be given will be determined later. The student must maintain at least a half-time enrollment status. The check will be issued in October 2024.

**Note:** Students not selected may reapply the following year. Recipients are not eligible to apply again. If a scholarship recipient should decide not to go on for further schooling, then that student would forfeit their current scholarship. Your college may provide matching funds for church sponsored scholarships.

Requirements to apply:            Member of Our Savior's congregation  
  Attend a college or vocational school  
  Maintain at least half-time enrollment status

**Deadline for application:**    **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Send application to:            Nadalie Place  
  W7214 690<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
  Beldenville, WI 54003  
  or  
  Endowment Committee mail slot (*near the office's*)

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT YEAR IN SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PROGRAM (circle one)            Graduate            4-year            2-year

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER PLANS? \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP PREVIOUSLY AND NOT RECEIVED IT?

YES      NO      WHEN \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, December 9th**

**8 AM to 1 PM**



Our Savior's  
Candy Walk!

Huge  
assortments!

LET US HELP YOU WITH YOUR  
HOLIDAY TREATS/ GIFTS.

*Homemade Candy will be sold at  
\$12 per pound (less than 1/2 the  
price of candy stores!)*

*Silent Auction items hosted by the  
Youth will be available for bidding .*

**Join us!**

Held in cooperation with  
St. Paul's UCC's Cookie Walk

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
N6450 530th Street  
Beldenville, WI 54003  
1 mile east of Hwy 63 on Cty Rd N  
Pierce County, WI*

**Questions?  
Contact Donna Constant  
at 715-307-0451**

# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Guilds:</b> Kathy Young & Jodi Wiff <b>Money Counters/</b> <b>Tech Assistants:</b> Ann Young Audrey Severson			<b>1</b> <b>7-8pm</b> Confirmation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Cinnamon Roll Sunday</b> <b>9am</b> Worship/Livestream Sunday School Hour <b>10am</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>6</b> <b>7pm</b> Council Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>7-8pm</b> Confirmation	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>8am</b> Men in Mission Meeting
<b>12</b> <b>9am</b> Worship/Livestream No Sunday School <b>10am</b> Fellowship Hour <b>Operation Christmas Child</b> <b>Collection Sunday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Preferred Living <b>2:30pm</b> Ellsworth Health Services <b>Youth Night</b> Ellsworth Elementary School Gym <b>7-8pm</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Silent Auction Starts</b> <b>9am</b> Worship/Livestream Sunday School Hour <b>10am</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>No Confirmation</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9am</b> Worship/Livestream No Sunday School <b>10am</b> Fellowship Hour	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>No Quilting</b> <b>7-8pm</b> Confirmation	<b>30</b>		

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server	Assisting Minister
<b>Nov. 5th</b> <b>9:00am</b>	Tim & Jodi Wiff	Chase Unser Audrey Severson	June Feuerhelm Megan Peterson	Brett Unser	Roger Laughnan	Bruce Place	Lanette Place
<b>Nov. 12th</b> <b>9:00am</b>	Patricia & Megan Peterson	Wyatt Kirchner Ann Young	Brody Flynn Brady Peterson	Mary Halls	Roger Laughnan	Pauline Laughnan	Rhoda Foley
<b>Nov. 19th</b> <b>9:00am</b>	Clair & Audrey Severson	Maddi Constant Audrey Severson	Ada Erlandson Karli Foley-Nelson	Clair Severson	Roger Laughnan	Belinda Foley	Ann Young
<b>Nov. 26th</b> <b>9:00am</b>	Keith & Julie Lundstrom	Jake Knight Ann Young	Matt Lundstrom Hadley Coulson	Steve Straub	Roger Laughnan	Donna Constant	Tom 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.*



## Please continue to pray for the following people;

Dean Mewes, Fred Hoyer, John Paape,  
 Wayne Peterson, Ann Leonard, 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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