

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

November 2024

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

These past several months, you, like me, have likely been blanketed in one political ad after another. Appeals to vote for this candidate or that candidate seem to be every other commercial we see on television or on the internet. Our Facebook feeds are filled with not just ads, but also our friends and family talking about the election. And one thing that seems to be common throughout it all is that the tone is grim. The election of the other guy will spell doom for the country. So-and-so is going to be terrible for the country, won't represent you, and will lead to the downfall of America.

I hate to say it, but it is absolutely *normal* in politics to see ads getting meaner the closer we get to the election. And while I understand it (our votes are important, so politicians do anything they can to get them), I also fear what it does to *us*. When politicians cast another candidate as the worst thing to happen ever, it's not a stretch to think anyone who supports that candidate is also the worst thing to happen ever. And when we start thinking that about each other, it means the meanness of the campaign season doesn't stop when campaign season ends.

What we need to do—what we are called to do—is to remember our shared humanity. That person over there that you disagree with is a person just like you. They have hopes and dreams. They have frustrations and disappointments. They have a family and people they love. It just so happens that they think there are different solutions to the problems we face than you do. And that is okay. We need to be okay with it, because *not* being okay with it is how we got to this moment. We have been encouraged to ignore the humanity of others, to cast them in two-dimensional caricatures, and we've bought that lie hook, line, and sinker. But we can't keep doing that.

We have to remember that God created us for community. God put us together, with all of our diverse opinions and desires and skills so that we would have the opportunity to collaborate. The wide cacophony of our diversity is something God takes joy in—and it's something we should take joy in too. God wants us to celebrate each other, to debate how we live together, but also to come together on solutions where everyone's voice is heard. God guides us by the Holy Spirit to live together, so the most important thing we can do is remember that those people on the other side are people too.

I want to encourage you to remember that this month. While the aftereffects of the election reverberate throughout the country, and the hysteria rises from whatever side is most upset by the result, remember the humanity in each other. Remember the humanity in the people who are far away, whom you do not know. Remember that their voice is one that God wants you to hear as well, to be one more voice in the process of living in community together. Do not let the dehumanizing and demonizing rhetoric of politicians turn you from loving your neighbor and seeing them as a person.

It may have been a study we did a while ago, but you may notice on the bulletin board outside of my office two sheets of paper entitled "Civic Revival: How to be Christian during the Election." There is a list of ten things you can do to keep God's desire for us to live as a community front and center. There is a video series on our RightNow Media platform that pairs with this list, and I encourage you to watch it together. Then take the practices and use them after the election is over. Because we still live in community.

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 17th, December 15th, January 19th, February 16th, April 19th, May 18th**  
Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.  
[office.osbeldenville@gmail.com](mailto:office.osbeldenville@gmail.com), 715-273-4570

# Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

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October 01, 2024

**Call Meeting to Order:** President Tim Wiff at 7:00 PM.

**Attending:** Debbi Pittman, Pastor Lucas, Donna Constant, Ron Halverson, Mike Rehbein, Tim Wiff, Audrey Severson, John Traun, Ann Young, Patricia Peterson, Mark Jensen

**Absent:** Sue Palmquist, Steve Straub

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Lucas

## **New Business:**

### **CDs Matured**

Tim Wiff is researching with Thrivent and Edward Jones to see which is paying more reviewing interest rates and service fees. Looking into determining whichever is higher as the CDs mature. Can move principal to new CDs. Interest would remain at Edwards in a Money Market account to be available anytime as needed. An email notification/vote will follow.

### **WELCA Green Committee Idea**

The Evangelism Committee initiated recycling by an educational brochure and collection point for parishioners. WELCA's green committee idea is to look at consumables purchased in the future by the church to follow recycling best practice. The example being Styrofoam is usually cheaper than paper but is not recyclable. A flyer on kitchen wall or other educational materials could assist committees making purchasing choices to use recyclable products in place of Styrofoam. Presented by Audrey Severson.

## **Old Business:**

### **Landscape Project, Rock Garden, West End**

Bruce Place described what prep work has been done and what is being looked at regarding working on getting rocks and additional bids on materials and labor.

The landscaping project is being looked at to be done next year. It is likely the labor will be volunteered by church members. Keeping the cost down.

### **Elevator Emergency Phone**

Bruce Place is checking on products vendors have to offer for a replacement to the land line elevator emergency phone. The idea being moving to a Wi-Fi based phone would remove the need to pay for a land line for the elevator.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Motion to approve by Debbi, seconded by Donna. Motion carried.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Designated Account	\$22,033.22
General Account	-\$533.31
Money Market	\$35,674.48
Total	\$57,174.19

The Edward Jones CDs account: \$212,469.69

Motion to approve by John, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

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## **Pastor's Report:**

Highlights: Bishop Halom's, patch of cloth, book shows a record of the patchwork clothes. Bishop was touched by the stole each congregation contributed to.

Email out about student place, 5<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation.

Gina asked if start on confirmation

Pastor is meeting with a family to determine a mutual decision regarding starting confirmation this year.

This process can assist when there are classes with fewer students in a given year.

For Confirmands one mission trip or one week at camp is required. Mission trips or camp can be completed with other churches.

Motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C Donna, John

## **Youth Report:**

Pie and Ice Cream Social

Over 80 church and community members were served pie and ice cream.

Hosted by 26 confirmands and parents raising \$956.

Lutefisk Supper, Wednesday setup of tables or a shift during the Lutefisk Supper replaces confirmation.

SOS Kids Crew, September 18<sup>th</sup>, youth learned about the books of the bible.

Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> 27 spots are reserved to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children. A school bus is available to ride. Meet at the church at 5:30 PM.

November 20<sup>th</sup>, Kayleen from Brush Strokes to guide youth indrawing, painting a cross on canvas.

December 8<sup>th</sup> Sams Christmas Village. Youth event, a cabin is rented at the village with fire pit, S'mores and visit from Santa. This is funded by the youth account except for parking.

Motion to approve by Ann, seconded by Debbi. Motion carried.

## **Motion to give \$1,000 to Lutheran Disaster Response from the Disaster Fund.**

Motion to approve by Donna, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

**Conflict Detection:** none

## **Adjourn:**

Motion to approve by Debbi, seconded by Pastor. Motion carried.

**Closing Prayer:** The Lord's Prayer

**Next Council Meeting: November 04, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted by Mike Rehbein

**Support Our Mission  
with eGiving**



During the Holidays, 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.

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Collection Sunday will be November 17th. Coffee hour will be October 27th to help fund this project.

**Items that CAN'T be put in the shoeboxes;** candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war related items, seeds, food, liquids, lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers and aerosol cans.

**WOW items for shoeboxes;** school supplies, coloring books, story books, colors, dolls, balls, cars, jump ropes, stuffed animals, yo-yo, brush, combs, washcloths, bar soap, ( when you do soap double bag them ) toothbrushes, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, shoes, toys that make noise, but remember if it takes batteries put in extras.

Each shoebox cost \$10 to send. If you don't feel like doing a box, but would like to help there will be a box in the back of the church to put items in. Any questions call me at 1-715-273-4398 or email me at [ljhoyer@hotmail.com](mailto:ljhoyer@hotmail.com) .

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**Fellow Members,** It is time once again to take a few moments to fill out a Time and Talent Survey. As you all know, it takes more than money to carry out the mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The hours volunteered by you, our members, are a key part of our success as a congregation.

As a reminder, God is the Creator and owner of all things. He graciously gives His gifts to us to be shared with our church family and our community. To show our gratitude, each of us looks for ways to serve using our God-given time and talents. We are blessed to have such a diverse range of talents present here at Our Savior's and we thank you for all your past support.

As of November 17, 2024, the survey questionnaire will be available by Google Forms. There will also be paper forms at worship services, and in the church office. Please take the time to complete one, step up, share your talents, and maybe even try something new and different. Our Faith Family needs you.

God's peace be with you, Our Savior's Stewardship Committee: Steve Straub Amy Rohl Lanette Place

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**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **NOVEMBER** we will be collecting Holiday Foods; **Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing Mix, Olives, Pickles, Gravy, and Mashed Potatoes.**

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @[hungerpreventioncouncil.net](mailto:hungerpreventioncouncil.net), call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

### **Join Us for a Pierce County Community Diaper & Baby Wipes Drive!**

One in two families in Pierce County struggle with providing diapers and wipes for their children. Lack of diapers can limit access to childcare and lead to health issues and discomfort for children, so we are asking for your help! We invite you to make a difference from **October 7th to November 15<sup>th</sup>** by purchasing diapers and wipes.

#### **How to participate:**

- Drop off at Our Savior's
- Scan the QR code to purchase diapers and wipes at Walmart.com.

Purchased items will be shipped directly to the United Way diaper bank.

All diaper sizes and baby wipe quantities needed. Please ensure all donations are in unopened, original packaging for safety. Thank you in advance for your generosity and making an impact on the families in Pierce County!





We will be participating in the Ellsworth School Foundation Gift Box Program again this year. We will be sponsoring 4 to 5 families who are financially unable to buy Christmas gifts. The Evangelism committee will host coffee hour on November 10th, with proceeds going toward the gifts. The Christmas tree with the gift ornaments on it will be up and ready on November 17th. Watch the weekly bulletin for more information. Thanks in advance for all your help with this BIG project. Many hands make light work. Your Evangelism committee, Kathy Young, Darlene Halverson, and Pauline Laughnan

**2024  
Preferred Senior Living  
&  
Ellsworth Health Services  
Worship Schedule for Our Savior's**  
1:30pm Preferred Senior Living,  
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services  
**Wednesday  
November 13th**



**WELCA says Thank You!** To everyone who donated items to our bake sale table at the Lutefisk Supper: cookies, lefse, maple syrup, grot, honey bee products. Our guests are always so excited to stop by our table to purchase those Scandinavian treats! We sold out! If you made a donation, THANK YOU. If you made a purchase, THANK YOU. We appreciate you.



**Our 76th Lutefisk Supper was a great success.** Guests really raved about the food and service. They appreciate a family style sit down dinner. We served 484 guests plus about 30 take out meals. With 83 volunteers eating, we fed almost 600 people. Our order of 450 pounds of fish was just about the right amount for our crowd. Thank you all for working so hard to continue this tradition.  
Lutefisk Committee

**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE  
GOBBLER'S GALLOP!  
A 5K Family Fun Run/Walk**  
100 % of the proceeds benefit  
The Pierce County Food Pantry

Brought to you by your friends at St. Paul's UCC  
Random Acts of Kindness.

\$20 per person entry fee includes a t-shirt/  
\$50 family max include two shirts.  
Additional shirts are available for \$10 each.  
Register by Tuesday, November 19th  
to guarantee your t-shirt.

**8 am Thanksgiving Morning November 28, 2024**  
Visit [spuccellsworth.org](http://spuccellsworth.org) for more information.




*Our Savior's Candy Walk*  
**FUNDRAISER**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE COLLEGE KITS AND OUTREACH MINISTRY.**

**Saturday December 14th  
8AM - 12PM**

**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!)

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N6450 530th Street  
Beldenville, WI 54003  
1 mile east of Hwy 63 on Cty Rd N  
Pierce County, WI

*Sweet memories*



# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Guilds:</b> Kathy Young Jodi Wiff <b>Money Counters/                      Tech Assistants</b> Audrey Severson Ann Young					1	2
<b>3 Cinnamon Roll Sunday</b> 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	4 10am Coffee and Conversation 7pm Council Meeting	5	6 7pm Confirmation	7	8	9
10 9am Worship/Livestream SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	11	12	13 1:30pm Preferred Senior Living 2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services 7pm Confirmation	14	15	16 8am MIM Meeting
<b>17 Blessings of the Hunters</b> 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	18 10am Coffee and Conversation	19	20 4-5:30pm S.O.S. Kids Crew 5:30pm Family Meal 7pm Confirmation	21	22	23
24 9am Worship/Livestream SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	25	26	27 No Quilting No Confirmation	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29 5-8pm Light up the Fair	30 5-8pm Light up the Fair

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Assisting Minister
<b>November 3rd</b> 9:00AM	Mary Halls Lori Coulson	Brady Peterson Audrey Severson	Megan Peterson Martha Allyn	Rhoda Foley	Roger Laughnan	Lanette Place
<b>November 10th</b> 9:00AM	Bruce & Lanette Place	Eli Stockwell Ann Young	Brody Flynn Wyatt Goodier	Sue Palmquist	Roger Laughnan	
<b>November 17th</b> 9:00AM	Roger & Pauline Laughnan	Chase Unser Audrey Severson	Hadley Coulson Maddi Constant	Peggy Hoyer	Roger Laughnan	Sue Palmquist
<b>November 24th</b> 9:00AM	Tim & Jodi Wiff	Lucy Feuerhelm Ann Young	Luke Lundstrom Jake Knight	Kay Berg	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley

*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!

Bob Dahm, Dan Bjork, Terryl Florcek, Dean Mewes, John Paape,  
Eldon Schellfeffer, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the Church Office.



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