

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

October 2020

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

Lately I've been noticing that I have been holding my shoulders up by my ears more often than I used to. The stress of this pandemic, of not knowing what tomorrow will look like, of a politics filled with anger and streets filled with rage, of worrying for all of y'all as I regularly check the health department numbers—I have felt so much weight. And I know that y'all have too. Disappointments of cancelled events from sports to shows, the stress of kids in school (or not in school—who knows?), the upheaval of how we worship together, are all weighing on us as a congregation, as a community, and as a nation.

And in my devotions recently I came across the text from Psalm 46. If you have your Bible handy, take a minute to open it up and read that Psalm. It's no wonder why so many amazing hymns have been based on these words. "God is our refuge and strength." "Be still and know that I am God!" "The nations are in an uproar...[but] the God of Jacob is our refuge." And I read this Psalm once, twice, three times—and my shoulders started to lower.

Yes, the earth is changing, and the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. Yes the waters roar and foam, the nations are in an uproar and the kingdoms totter. There is so much to fear. There is so much to pull our shoulders into a knot with worry. There are so many things spiraling out of our control that we all too easily end up mercilessly imposing ourselves in those little areas where we think we could have control. When we look to the earth and it is tottering, and when we look to the sea and it is churning and foaming, we may end up clinging to whatever we can grab that gives us some idea that we will be okay.

"Be still and know that I am God."

How radical a notion that is: stillness. We may hear it and it glosses over like so many pious words, but think about it. When the world is in tumult, the world demands our feverish action. Work to fix it! Plan and delegate and solve! Propose solutions to the ways the world is in upheaval and work tirelessly into the night to ensure those plans come to be! Push for your solutions because someone else's might lead to disaster! Don't stop for a moment because if you stop then the world will spiral out of control!

"Be STILL!"

"Be still. Be Sabbath. Rest. Know that I AM God."

To be still is to reject how the world tells us we must be in control. In stillness, we live in trust that God is truly the one in control. We trust that God will do what we can't—solve the unease and uncertainty that plagues us. We need only to be still.

Beloved of the Lord, you do not have to solve it. You do not have to work tirelessly to fix the little corner of the world that you imagine you have control over. Don't neglect your rest, because God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. God is in the midst of the city. God will help it when the morning dawns. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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 15, December 20.

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

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020

Call to Order: by President, Randy Winger 7:00PM

Attending: Randy Winger, Bob Winger, Ann Young, Norris Berg, Debbi Pittman, Dan Place, Mary Straub, Lanette Place, Jill Rosenberry. By phone: Pastor Lucas & Sharon Seibel Guest: Youth director, Patricia Peterson

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas from Acts: Chapter 16

New Business: Lutefisk Supper -After Audrey and Clair Severson reviewed the cost for the seven items we plan to include on our take-out menu, sale prices were determined. The 3% merchant fee will be added to the cost for those paying with a credit card. Customer orders and payment are due by October 1, as the order deadline from fish supplier is October 2. Order forms will be available in upcoming bulletins and on website. Dan made motion, seconded by Bob and approved by all.

Confirmation Class Structure – After considerable discussion, council agreed with the structure as outlined in Pastor's report with a couple additions. 1. Students will be given a written assignment/report to complete during their "at home" Google Classroom week. 2. Council will review the process again at the November meeting to determine if changes should be made. Patricia will be meeting with the 8 Aftershock students, in-person, every Wednesday.

Indoor Worship – Taking into consideration the notes from Worship Committee meeting and Pastor's recommendations in his report, Council agreed to proceed with Pastor's plan for Sunday morning services. This will be revisited at the October council meeting with the possibility of allowing a limited number of members in the sanctuary beginning in later October/November.

Indoor Weekday Prayer Services – Council supported this additional worship opportunity, suggesting flexibility to revise dates and/or times as our members supply feedback. Motion approved: Debbi 1st, Norris 2nd.

Old Business: Ballpark - Norris advised that the insurance is cost prohibitive to allow for ballpark use.

Music at Outdoor Worship – It has improved, but a vocalist would be welcomed.

Secretary's Report – Deb 1st, Bob 2nd motion carried to approve as printed. Request was made for secretary to email minutes to entire Council upon completion.

Treasurer's Report - Debbi reported the following balances: Designated Account \$35,900; General Account (\$128); Money Market \$75,900. With the good news that we have paid back all but \$911 of the loan from designated to general. Lanette 1st, Dan 2nd, motion carried.

Pastor's Report – attached

Youth Report – attached. Patricia reported that she intends to start up the monthly SOS meetings as long as school remains in session. This involves less than 10 kids. She also advised that she will be taking over the College Kit Ministry from the Christopherson Cousins, keeping a separate ledger to track the finances.

Adjourn – Debbi 1st, Dan 2nd, motion carried to adjourn at 9:05PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting – October 6, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Our Savior's Cemetery Association

I sent a letter to the other trustees at the end of August, that I am resigning my position as President of the board of trustees of The Our Savior's Cemetery Association. I said that I would take cemetery calls until the end of September to give them time to get another trustee, and reorganize the officers.

During my time as trustee we accomplished many things, some very large projects. Some of the projects we hired contractors, some of them one or two people shouldered most of the work themselves and completed the project. Some of the projects were completed by old fashion teamwork.

I want to thank everyone that has helped and supported the work that has been whether done on the referred projects, or the cemetery work days, or Gods Work Our Hands. Thank you all for your help! Also to the trustees that I have worked with current and former.

I ask that you continue to support the trustees of the Cemetery Association as they move forward. There will always be maintenance work to be done, many hands make these jobs easier.

Thank you!

Sincerely

Peter Falde

THANK YOU

“Well done good and faithful servant” Matthew 25:23

We want to thank Peter Falde for his twenty plus years of serving on the Our Savior's Cemetery Association Board of Trustees. For the past number of years Pete has served as the Board President. We are truly grateful for all his constant dedication to managing the maintenance of both cemeteries, as well as the record keeping.

Thank you Pete!

Cemetery Board of Association

Bruce Place

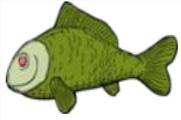
Brian Johnson

Roger Laughnan

A Sincere Thank you to all Our Savior's workers that organized and preparing the 2020 Lutefisk supper take-out orders. Thank you for sharing your talents. A Special Thank you to the Pie & Soup makers. It takes time & talent. In Friendship, Miss you Marion Erlandson

I would like to thank you for the generous gift of the quilt. Thank you to all the quilting ladies who put so much time into them and managed to get them done during hard times. I love the quilt I received! Brooke Minder

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



Lutefisk Volunteers Needed! If you want to volunteer to help with meatballs, grøt, lefse or sandbakkels, call the office to sign-up. The schedule for preparation of items has not been decided but may be different than previous years. All orders will be picked up on our usual 4th Thursday, Oct. 22. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in trying something new to continue our traditional dinner.



BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEK: Please drop off donations at Nilssen's Grocery store in Ellsworth. There is a large tub in the entryway marked Backpack Program. Thank you for continuing to support this program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER-WEAR FOR KIDS

Winter Coats ~ Snow Pants ~ Boots ~ Hats ~ Gloves

Available to kids:

- + Living in Pierce or St. Croix County, WI
- + Age newborn through 18 years old
- + In need of winter-wear



Distribution process for 2020:

- + Log on to www.BasicsForLocalKids.org
- + Submit a request form for the child
- + Schedule a pick-up or meet up delivery option



Want to donate?

Inventory availability is based on donations. Please check out the website to make a tax-deductible financial donation or schedule a front door pick-up of new or gently used winter-wear (newborn - 4XL).



Operation Christmas Child

The Kick off Sunday will be Oct. 25th.
With collection Sunday being Nov. 15th.

Postage for a shoe box is \$9 a box. I have pamphlets with on Sunday the 25th and each of the following Sundays until the 15th in November. If you have things for boxes you can bring them to church and I'll collect them there. If you would like to give towards the postage you can either do cash to me, or write check out to Samaritan's Purse, or you can write it out to me. Items that cannot be included are, candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, or aerosol cans. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 715-273-4398 and leave a message or email me at ljhoyer@hotmail.com.

Thank- you! Peggy Hoyer

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Consider making your contribution through our eGiving tools!
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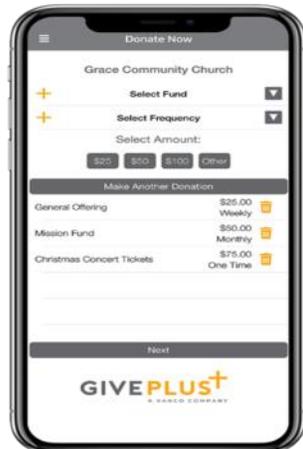
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1. Visit Our Savior's Lutheran Church Website. www.oursaviorschurch.info
2. Locate the give tab.
3. Donate!

**It only takes a minute to set up an account or give as a guest.
We appreciate your generosity!**

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Use Our GivePlus Mobile App

1. Download the free GivePlus App from the App Store or Google Play
2. Find our church by zip code **54003**, or by searching our church name.
3. Donate!

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Text Your Donation

Giving by text is easy. Simply text your donation amount to **833-506-0632** and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your gift.

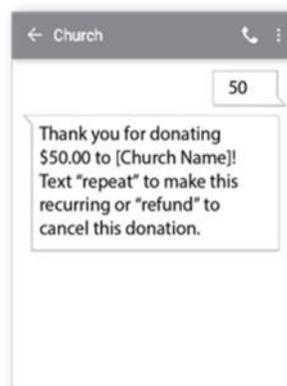
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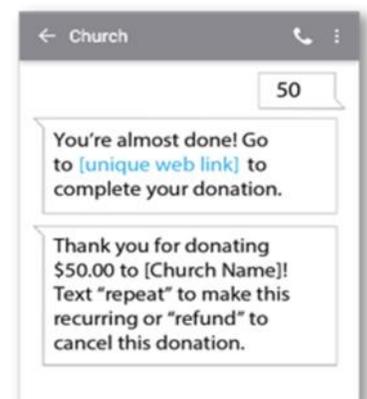
2. Register



3. Give



4. Repeat



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Order your crewneck sweatshirt
in **Bubble Gum Pink** or **Light Heather Grey**

Order your
sweatshirt
now until Oct.
4th

\$25

Order online, call or email the office
<https://form.jotform.com/202525828165053>

amazon wishlist

Amazon makes it easy for you to partner in ministry with Luther Point Bible Camp! We are seeking donations so we may provide the best ministry and experience possible for all people who use our facilities! Please take a moment to log in and see some of the stuff we are needing to provide the best ministry we can!

Please Visit: [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and search wishlists for "Luther Point" or go to <https://a.co/fMPftaU> or contact us at (715) 689-2347, info@LutherPoint.org

We are seeking donations for

- Craft Supplies
- Retreat and Hospitality
- Summer Safety and Fun Supplies
- Maintenance Supplies
- Kitchen and Dining Hall Upgrades
- Office Supplies

LPBC Craft and Scrapbook Retreat

NOV 12 THROUGH 15

CREATIVE MEMORIES

Hosted by Luther Point Bible Camp Creative Memory Consultant, Brenda Simeth, will be available all weekend onsite. www.creativememories.com/user/BrendaSimeth

Stay in our adult retreat center with handicapped accessible rooms.

Register Online: www.LutherPoint.org, or call 715-689-2347
11525 Luther Point Rd. Grantsburg, WI 54840

2 nights, 4 meals
(2 brunches and 2 suppers)
\$120

3 nights, 6 meals
(3 brunches and 3 suppers)
\$140



FAMILY CABIN Rentals

The Pine Cove Family Cabins are nestled down along Akermark Bay of Big Wood Lake and are an excellent place for you, your family, and your friends to get away and renew and reconnect. Each of these cabins have been newly remodeled and are fully winterized for year-round use. Each cabin has a small kitchen where you can cook your own meals. The 5 cabins situated along Akermark Bay are steps from an excellent ice fishing location. Finally, each cabin has a fire ring for use.

Check our online calendar for availability and to book your stay with us today.

www.lutherpoint.org/family-cabins-2
or 715-689-2347



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Cinnamon Rolls 9am Online Worship 9am Drive-In Worship 9am Sunday School	5 12:30pm Prayer Service	6 7pm Council Meeting	7 7-8pm Confirmation	8 12:30pm Prayer Service	9	10
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25 9am online Worship 9am Drive-In Worship	26 12:30pm Prayer Service	27	28 7-8pm Confirmation	29 12:30pm Prayer Service	30	31

Our Savior's Worship Options

9am Drive-In Worship (radio station 90.5)
9am Virtual Online Worship
12:30pm Prayer Service (Monday's & Thursdays)
Call the office to get your name on the list.

Church Emails:

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In Need of Prayer!

Ron Mireau, Nancy Hove, Phil Leisenheimer, Della Larson, Judie Goodwin, Mark Kiefer, Norris Berg, Mason Lee, Bob Furan, Larry Shefvland, Tom Dachel, Tom Springette, Gary Johnson, Anna Walentowski, Alan Nelson, Zachery Caterer, and Kristen Anderson.

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

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*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*

