

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

October 2021

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

At our Synod Assembly this past year, the churches of our synod passed a resolution to address the issue of racial justice that gets in the way of loving our neighbors fully, as God intends us to. Of all the resolutions, I expect this is the one that makes the most people uncomfortable, since even the word “racism” has the tendency to get everyone’s blood pressure up. I’d like to suggest that, rather than shutting down the conversation or running away from talking about the uncomfortable thing, we lean into the discomfort for the sake of our siblings of color.

One of the hardest parts of addressing racism today is that we desperately want to believe only explicit hatred of other people solely for the color of their skin is the only way racism works. But as a colleague of mine Rev. Lenny Duncan said, “racism doesn’t need any racists to function.” Our siblings of color constantly have to navigate a world that is not designed with them in mind, and doubly have to experience their White friends and neighbors deny that reality because our race doesn’t provide a roadblock for us. It’s a matter of the way society is invisibly structured, where it fully assumes the default is White, and where anyone outside the default has to work around that structure.

Because even if outright racial hatred is not okay today, it wasn’t a problem even fifty years ago for most of the country. And a lot of the systems and structures—from home loans to law codes to who writes the television shows—were laid down by people who *did* have those views. The hard part is seeing the injustices, and then realizing *not* doing anything about it is as bad as actually *doing* it.

The first step in confronting this unseen racial structure is learning about it. The churches of our synod have passed a resolution to commit ourselves to learning about how these structures were formed, how they continue to affect our siblings of color even today, and what we can do about it together to better reflect God’s call for our lives. I encourage you to seek out understanding, whether that’s the resource list at the synod website, or being in frank and honest conversation with your colleagues or classmates of color. Trust their experience, and wonder how God is calling you to enact justice through it.

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.

October 17, November 14, December 19

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

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

September 7, 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, Gabe Feuerhelm, Patricia Peterson

Absent: Dan Place, Norris Berg

Opening Devotions: Jill Rosenberry Being Kind Ephesians 4:32

New Business:

1. **September Money counters:** Mary & Ann.
2. **October Devotions:** Bob Winger
3. **Lutefisk Supper**
4. Options for the supper were discussed: Take-out, half capacity or full capacity. Fish prices went up from last year. 50 pound boxes are \$5.10 for one pound. Packages of 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds are \$5.40 for one pound.
5. Lanette made a motion to do the Lutefisk Supper as a Take-out dinner, similar to last year. Bob 2nd MC
6. A committee will work on prices and publicity for the supper. Orders need to be sent in by October 5 for the fish.
7. **God's Work Our Hands- September 12**
We hope we have many hands to make this a successful work day.

Confirmation Classes Start-Up/ Involvement in Congregational Life

First classes are September 22, 2021.

Ice Cream Social is September 15, 2021.

Discussion about encouraging our youth become more involved in the congregation. Patricia made a motion that Confirmation students be required to attend at least one church council meeting per year. Lanette 2nd. MC

Old Business:

Committee Duties and Responsibilities

The council discussed the job duties for each committee.

Sharon made a motion to accept the descriptions for each committee with the adjustments to the Endowment and Worship committees. Bob 2nd MC

Sound System Update

Brickhouse Music sent an offer to upgrade the microphones, lapel mics, and rewiring to the sound board. The price will be between \$1850-2500. We will the money in the Capital Fund. Ann made a motion to accept the offer. Mary 2nd MC The installation will be September 20-21.

Pastor Lucas' Parental Leave Proposal

This will be an ongoing discussion. A supply pastor costs \$150, plus mileage each Sunday.

Pierce County Fair-

We had record revenues. Not all the information is in yet.

Outdoor Ballpark Worship Service

We will discuss ahead of time for next year to make sure a committee is serving.

Secretary's Report- Lanette made a motion to accept as written. Debbi 2nd. MC

Treasurer's Report-

Designated Account \$27043.28

General Account \$1,660.44

Money Market \$73,983.62

Total: \$102,687.34

Insurance is due soon. Disbursements will all be paid this month to different missions.

It was requested to have money from the ballpark turned in more often, instead of one lump sum.

Bob made a motion to accept the report as written. Patricia 2nd. MC

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Pastor's report- Confirmation students will study The Lord's Prayer and The Gospels.

Youth Report-

- **September 15-**Ice Cream Social from 4-7 pm at church.
- **SOS Kids Crew-** Begins September 22nd, 4-5:30. Grades 1-5. Ride bus #16
- **2022 ELCA Youth Gathering-** First meeting September 15, 7:30 pm.
- **Cinnamon Roll Sundays-** First Sunday of the month, beginning October 10th.

Patricia would like to attend a Youth Director extravaganza, February 11-14. Bob made a motion for the church to cover half the cost of the extravaganza and half of the hotel costs for 3 nights. Paid through Continuing Education. Debbi 2nd. MC Lanette made a motion to accept the Youth Report. Ann 2nd MC

Committee Reports- None

Conflict Detection- none

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

Closing Prayer

Next Council Meeting October 5th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Rosenberry

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEES

It's budgeting time. In the next couple of months 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.

Thank You To All Who SUPPORT OUR MISSION WITH eGIVING

If you don't currently consider making your contribution through our eGiving tools!
You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers these eGiving tool:

- Visit Our Savior's Lutheran Church Website. www.oursaviorschurch.info, Locate the give tab, and Donate!
 - Simply text your donation amount to **833-506-0632** and follow the instructions.
 - Download the free GivePlus App on your phone. Find our church by zip code **54003**.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



Operation Christmas Child: Kick-off Sunday will be on October 31st. with coffee hour after church for Operation Christmas Child. Collection Sunday is November 14th.

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

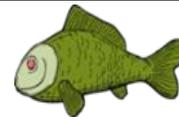
"Wow" items: soccer ball with pump, doll, shoes, stuffed animals, **Toy items:** cars, jump ropes, yo-yo's, toys that light up with extra batteries. **Personal items:** toothbrushes, combs, hair brush, wash clothes, bars of soap. **School items:** pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks,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

Remember coffee hour on October 31st. Will have brochures on how to pack a shoebox there.

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



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 is listed below and in the bulletin announcement insert.

All orders will be picked up on our usual 4th Thursday, Oct. 28.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation to continue serve our traditional Supper items.

Tuesday Oct. 26th: 9am Meatball Making/Gravy

Wednesday Oct. 27th: AM Grot Making

2pm Coleslaw making

3pm Filling containers

6pm Bagging Orders

Thursday Oct. 28th:

12:30pm Carry-Out Crew

2:30pm Carry-Out Crew

4:30—6pm Carry-Out Crew

Call Church Office or Audrey Severson to get signed up for a shift

THANK YOU



Gods Works Our Hands

Thank You! The Evangelism Committee would like to shout out a **HUGE thank you** to everyone who helped make last Sunday's 'God's Work, Our Hands' event a smashing success! Project leaders & workers, lunch makers & servers, and everyone who prayed for us- your contributions are all appreciated beyond measure! The two quilts that were tied for last Sunday's quilting project were given to those homeless families.

Thank you again for everything... y'all are a blessing to your community! ~Heather, Sharon & Pauline



The Fair results... The 2021 Fair is history.

All the bills have been paid. Thanks to the generous donations from many, perfect weather, and record crowds, we raised \$17,526 for outreach ministries. THANK YOU, ALL! Clair

Assistance & Resource Center is very grateful for your recent gift of \$500.00. Households continue to need help in meeting the cost of daily life, rent, mortgage, heat, lights, transportation and you are providing the means for ARC to deliver that assistance. For every dollar received by ARC 98¢ goes back to the community in direct support of individuals and families. Thank You ! Sharon Schulze, ARC Board Chair

Thank You for your \$100.00 donation to the Ellsworth Senior Center. Your Gift is sincerely appreciated and will be put to good use. It is through gifts like your 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, Janelle Braund

Pierce County food Pantry, would like to thank you for the recent gift of \$783.49 from pie sales and \$626.07 from the fair stand and lutefisk supper. The organization is dedicated to reducing hunger and providing access to healthy food across Pierce County. Your generous gift will help us to purchase much needed nutritional and personal care items for our community neighbors in need. Heidi Albarado

Our Savior's Youth News ~ October 2021

Welcome back to Sunday School!

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. Mark your calendars!

The Calendar for this year:

Oct. 10th and 24th

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



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

Wednesday, October 20th

4:00 – 5:30 pm

I would like to invite all youth in 1st through 5th grade, along with their friends, to join me for S.O.S. Kids Crew.

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@hbcj.com

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Fall Youth Craft Day

Sunday October 17th

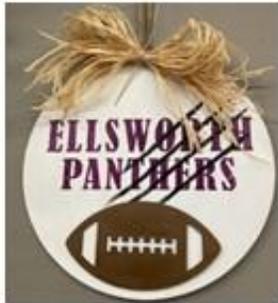
Brush Strokes in Ellsworth

11am – 2pm

Sign – up Sheet in on the Youth Bulletin Board.



Confirmation Youth, come and create a craft for \$10 to sell to members of Our Savior's and earn money towards your youth account. Items are available, you just choose paint color and decal.



October Youth Schedule

Wednesday, October 6th

Confirmation 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday, October 13th

Confirmation Group A 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday, October 20th

SOS Kids Crew 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Confirmation 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday, October 27th

Confirmation 7:00pm – 8:00pm

9th Graders Only 7:00pm – 8:00pm

We will be helping package lutefisk orders. If you can arrive a little early that would be great.



*Want to put your mind to the test!
Lets 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 4pm

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. Registration deadline is October 15th.

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

gathering.elca.org 888-411-3522 elca.org/gathering

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PRE-GATHERING EVENTS
JULY 21-24



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OF CULTURE
WITH A SIDE OF FAITH

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October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Mary Halls Peggy Hoyer Money Counters: Lanette Place Sharon Seibel					1	2
3 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour	4	5 7pm Council Meeting	6 7-8pm Confirmation	7	8	9
10 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour Cinnamon rolls 10am SS Hour	11	12	13 7-8pm Confirmation	14	15	16 8am MIM Meeting
17 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School	18	19	20 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 7-8pm Confirmation	21	22	23
24 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour 10am SS hour	25	26 9am meatball & gravy making 4pm packing into containers	27 Grot making 2pm coleslaw making 3pm filling containers 6-8pm bagging orders 7pm Confirmation	28 Lutefisk Supper Pick-up 1-6pm	29	30
31 9am Live Stream Worship 9am In-person 10am Fellowship Hour Operations Christmas child No Sunday School						

Assist. Minister: October 3rd - Donald, Oct. 10 - Lanette, Oct. 17 - Ann, Oct. 24 - Tom, Oct. 31 - Rhoda

**2021 Ellsworth Care & Preferred Living
combined Schedule for Our Savior's**

Wednesday November 10th
 1:30pm Preferred Living
 2:30pm Atrium Senior Living



In Need of Prayer!

Ashley Hinrichs, Dylan, Larry Young, Algot Anderson, Michelle Bartkey, Eldon Schellfeffer, Norma Taplin, Priscilla Schoeneck, Norris Berg, 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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PSALM 96:12

THEN ALL THE TREES OF THE
FOREST WILL **SING** FOR **JOY**.