

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

October 2022

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

Once a year I get an opportunity to gather with other pastors and deacons for a retreat in the Northwoods. It's a wonderful, if short, breather as our program year begins. It helps give me time to slow down and have my cup filled, and I can prepare for the next several months. For a couple of days, I can take the time to catch up with colleagues from across our synod, learn a bit from our retreat speaker, and (what I enjoy most) enjoy the sheer beauty of God's creation up north.

It struck me this year that I usually end up thinking the most about creation when we are in the full bloom of summer, with birds singing and trees filled with green leaves. It's easier to notice the beauty of what God has done crafting impossibly blue skies and vast varieties of birds and intricately beautiful flowers when we're in the midst of the joyful and relaxing time of summer. But as I was sitting on an Adirondack chair, looking across a lake and surrounded by pine and oak next to chattering squirrels and chirping chickadees, it occurred to me how amazing this creation truly is—no matter what season.

And what a season! Here as we enter October we will start seeing the brightest colors of God's paintbrush as the sumac turns fire red and the maples glow orange and the birches dance with yellow. Fall is filled with the full loveliness of what God can do with change, and reminds us that even as things end there is tremendous beauty. Fall gives us time to contemplate transitions in our own lives—whether it's starting a new school year, or preparing to move out of a longtime home, or even readying ourselves to meet Jesus. If God can take the very picture of change—the season of fall—and make something so beautiful, how much more can God make something beautiful of our own changes and transitions?

We live in a time of change. We've felt it particularly sharply these past couple of years with the pandemic, but we have been in the midst of change for a long time. And change can be painful, and change can seem unpleasant—but perhaps change is where God does the most beautiful kind of work. Perhaps, like fall, God is preparing the church to be adorned with the blazing reds of sumac, the glowing oranges of maples, or the dancing yellows of birches. Perhaps what we are called to as Christians is to look at the wild, unexpected twists and turns of change, and see the beauty God is creating in the midst of it. Perhaps, when we've gotten used to seeing God at work in the summer, it's time to start seeing God at work in the fall.

I don't know what the end result of all this change will be. But I do know that God doesn't leave us alone in it. I do know that God doesn't leave our side, whether we are taking individual big steps like starting a new school year or a new career, or big community steps like a church that straddles the divide between in-person and online worship. God is hard at work in the midst of our changes, and when we look, maybe we'll see some of that beauty that God is creating through it.

What bright and beautiful things do you see as God takes us through this time of change?

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 16th,
November 13th, December 11th**

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

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2022

Call Meeting to Order: President Randy Winger at 7:00 PM

Attending: Debbi Pittman, Randy Winger, Bob Winger, Patricia Peterson, Pastor Lucas, Sharon Seibel, Lanette Place, Donna Constant

Absent: Gabe Feuerhelm, Ann Young, Dan Place, Jill Rosenberry, John Traun

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas lead a book study on the second section of *Waking Up White*, by Debby Irving.

New Business:

September money counters & Tech assistants: Jill & Sharon

October money counters & Tech assistants: Jill & Gabe

Lutefisk Supper: 12-14 people attended an organizational meeting on August 23 to discuss what the Supper would look like this year. Several people stepped up to oversee some of the functions. It was agreed to limit our ticket sales to 400 guests, plus workers. Serving times will be 2:30 – 6:00 with guests required to make reservations, so we have more control of our numbers each hour. Dining hall will be set up for 100 guests. We will offer take-out after 4:00, those guests will come to the worker room to pick up their order. Planning is on-going.

God's Work Our Hands: This event is being held Sunday, Sept. 11. Since it is the 21st anniversary of 9-11, we are focusing on appreciation of our public servants: police, fire fighters, mail carriers, EMTs, doctors, nurses, bus drivers etc.

Assistance Resource Center (ARC): This organization, which we currently support, solicited us to increase our giving to them if possible. We will give this consideration at year-end when we prepare the donation list for the annual meeting and congregational approval.

Old Business:

Fair Stand Discussion: Another record year reporting \$18,000 in profit. Thanks to all the workers, donators, organizers, food prep folks, etc. Improvements to the building were noted and greatly appreciated.

Council Member Tech Asst. Duties: In addition to counting money, the assigned council members each month are also asked to serve as Tech Asst. Until everyone gets up-to-speed we will attempt to have a trained operator sit with them.

Secretary's Report-

Lanette made a motion, seconded by Donna, to approve the August 2, 2022 council meeting minutes as printed by Secretary, Jill Rosenberry. M/C

Treasurer's Report-

Designated Account \$69,555.22

General Account \$ -163.92

Money Market \$232,375.55

Total: \$301,766.85

Debbi reported that she had to replace the church computer (which again she donated) and consequently was without it for nearly 3 weeks. She and the computer technician experienced numerous glitches transferring everything over, but all seems to be running smoothly now. Thank you, Debbi for your generous donation. Debbi also expressed concern that we have now borrowed \$13,000 from our designated funds, much of it to cover the pre-pay fuel expense. We will put notice of this out to congregation. Bob made a motion, seconded by Sharon, to accept the Treasurer's report as written. M/C

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Pastor's report: Lucas reported he is looking forward to fall programming. Sunday School will be trying cross-generational learning with Synod Deacon, Laura Ramlou,. He has gotten good response from confirmation parents to lead small groups. Also Worship Committee will be doing a little change-up with worship services. Care Center is back to in-house worship now.
Complete report on file – Lanette moved, Bob seconded, to accept report. M/C

Youth Report: Patricia highlighted a few events from her printed report. Pie & Ice Cream Social is scheduled for September 14, followed by confirmation meeting and 2023 Mission Trip planning. Monthly SOS programs will be starting up Sept. 21, and will once again include supper. This allows the younger kids & families to eat before going home, the confirmation kids and families to eat prior to confirmation lessons. She is going to ask congregation members to sign-up to prepare and serve these meals. Bob made motion to accept, Pastor Lucas seconded, M/C.

Committee Reports: Property - The cement work has been completed, siding painting is scheduled but not started yet. Some soffit pieces and rain gutter fell from the south side of building, apparently from wind gusts. Working on getting that repaired. The elevator continues to be out-of-order. Elevator company is doing their diagnostics, will need to replace a chip and the phone with estimated cost of \$800-\$900. Donna recommended this expense be paid from Fundraiser Fund; Debbi agreed making a motion, seconded by Patricia. M/C

Conflict Detection: None

Adjourn- Debbi made motion to adjourn at 8:15PM, seconded by Donna. M/C

Closing Prayer-The Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: October 4, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Lanette Place

WANTED:

Fellowship Hour Hosts

Having 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.

Men In Mission meeting - September 17, 2022

After a delicious breakfast served by Brian Johnson and Bill Bowen, a devotional was led by Brian Johnson.

The business meeting was called to order by Pres. Lemoine Baker.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Clair, reporting for Treas. Tom Holdorf said that we have \$3,727 in the Luther Point Bible Camp fund, and \$4,037 in the general fund. We have received the \$1600 from the Church Softball league for this year. We have \$28,487 in the fair stand fund with several outstanding large bills yet to be drawn from the account.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Clair read a bit about the history of the fair stand... built in 1946 for \$450, with a \$600 profit the first year.

Clair reported the profit this year to be \$18,588, largely due to the fact that \$4,070 was raised in the hamburger fund to help cut the expenses.

There was discussion on what level of approval should be necessary from the MIM before addressing maintenance needs. A motion was made by Brian/Bill that Clair and Donna should be able to purchase materials for maintenance needs at the fair stand and the ball field without prior MIM approval. Followup reports will be supplied to the MIM.

Donna reported that the concessions at the ball park this year grossed \$6989 with about \$3000 coming from the tournaments. The profit was \$3117. There was a youth day on Sunday, Sept. 11th. There seems to be some interest in a youth league next summer. Some families and churches are still using the field at this time. We are expecting maybe more than \$50,000 to complete the improvement project. There are still possibilities for grants; \$10,000 from the group called "The Power of Women", and potentially a large grant from the Pierce County Health Dept.

A motion was made by Brian/Clair to allow Donna to give the two gentlemen from St. Francis who umpired the two Sunday tournaments either gift cards for \$100 or \$100 cash from the fundraising account..

New Business:

The MIM will reimburse Mike Rehbein \$120 from the fair stand fund for the purchase of 6 fans. The MIM will reimburse Donna \$800 from the general fund for previous maintenance bills at the ball park. The MIM will donate \$500 from the general fund to the fuel fund.

Donna reported that the Candy Walk will be Dec. 10th, the same day as UCC's cookie walk. Proceeds will be split between the Youth and the fundraising account.

The porta potty will be pulled from the ball park on Oct. 1st.

MIM will serve coffee on Oct. 16th.

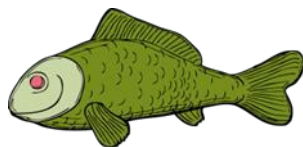
The next MIM meeting will be Nov. 12th (one week earlier than usual due to the gun deer opener on the 19th).

Tim W. and Ron H. will serve.

MIM will serve coffee on Nov. 13th.

Motion by Brian/Chuck to adjourn. Eleven members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Clair Severson



VELKOMMEN
74th Annual Lutefisk Supper
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 2022
Serving begins at 2:30 PM

Let's keep this Scandinavian heritage alive. After a two year break we are returning to hosting our traditional dine-in Lutefisk Supper. We are changing things up a bit by limiting our number of guests to 400, starting our serving time at 2:30 PM, serving 100 guests per hour, and requiring advance reservations. This event has become a tradition for many in our community, requiring the support of EVERY MEMBER of Our Savior's. Please share your time, talents, and treasures to make our supper a success. If you cannot be with us for the supper or for the preparation, we ask for your PRAYER support. Cooperation, enthusiasm, and energy will make for a very successful Scandinavian supper. Following are dates to keep open in preparation for our supper. Please join in the work and fellowship. Prior experience is not necessary.

Monday, October 24st, 6:00pm - move refrigerators, freezers, & dining room furniture. Carry all equipment & supplies from storage rooms to kitchen/dining room.

Tuesday, October 25th, 8:00am - meatball making. We need help shaping and frying 300 lbs. of meatball mix. Bring fry pans. Pot luck brunch to follow.

Tuesday, October 25th, Noon - gravy making. Please come help stir gravy.

Wednesday, October 26th 5:30 pm - potato peeling ~ bring knives and peelers.

Dining room decorating and table set up.

Thursday, October 27th, 8:00 am - Grot making.

Thursday, October 27th, 2:30 pm – Guest serving begins

Friday, October 28th, 9:00 am - Clean up and put church back in order.

Please find your opportunity for services:

Wait/Serve Guest Tables	Salad Room	Coffee Room
Workers Dining Room	Rommegrot Room	Ticket Cashier
Park Cars	Bus/Wash Dishes	
Kitchen Helpers (fish, meatballs, potato, and food carriers)		

"MEALS-TO-GO" will be available from the workers' dining room.

HANDICAP ENTRANCE: All guests unable to use stairs should enter through the east door by the church office. They will use the elevator to access the dining room.

WAIT STAFF: We ask that you wear dark pants/skirt and a white shirt/blouse. The caps, vests, and nametags will be available in Pastor's office. The table schedule will be posted downstairs by the north basement entrance. Please call Heather Johnson 715-821-3039 or Mary Straub 715-273-3040 with questions.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

We are recruiting bakers for making lefse, krumkake, and sandbakkels. If you are able to contribute in this way, please contact the church office. Those families who do not donate baked goods are asked to give a minimum of a \$10.00 donation. Money contributions can be put in an envelope marked "lutefisk supper" and brought to the supper or put in the collection plate at any Sunday worship service. **Thank you for all your support!!**

Additional donations of lefse, krumkake, and sandbakkels are appreciated for WELCA to sell. These are always in demand by our guests. The lefse can be wrapped in packages of 2 or 4 rounds. Cookies packaged 6 per bag. WELCA workers will price them.

Confirmation/Aftershock Class: All your help is required and needed. Patricia will have the sign-up sheet.

OUR SAVIOR'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This is an educational scholarship for the 2023-2024 school term from Our Savior's Lutheran Church via the Endowment Committee. This scholarship application must be received by November 1st, 2022 for the 2023-2024 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 2023.

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 1st, 2022**

Send application to: Nadalie Place
 W7214 690th Avenue
 Beldenville, WI 54003
 or
 Endowment Committee mail slot (*near the office in the back of the church*)

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 _____

THANK YOU

The final Pierce Co. Fair numbers! The final proceeds from the fair totaled \$18,587.77. This result would have been several thousands of dollars less if it hadn't been for the overwhelming generosity of many of you who raised \$4,069.89 in the hamburger fund. This went a long way to help cut our expenses. Thank you all for your generous donations of time and money to make this year's fair a success! Clair Severson, Fair Chair

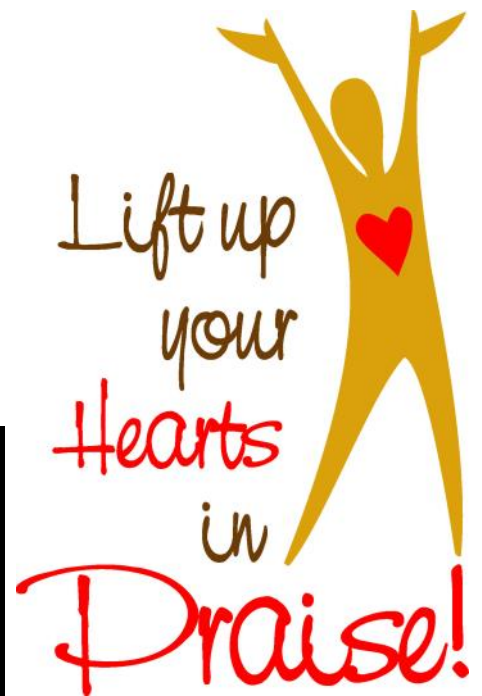
eGiving Options



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: Each year, our congregation needs to pay large bills all at once, including insurance and prepaid gas. To cover this, we end up borrowing from our designated funds so that we don't have to take out a line of credit. We currently owe \$13,034.61 to our designated account. Your generosity can help 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.



In Need of Prayer!

Wayne Peterson, Bill (Cubby) Huber, Ann Leonard, Elise Foley, Ian Peterson, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.

The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

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

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WALL CALENDAR

Youth Fundraiser

2023 Scripture Calendars and Christmas Card Sets: available to purchase on the youth table in the fellowship Hall for \$8.00 each.

Thank you for supporting our 2023 Mission Trip!



CHRISTMAS CARD VARIETY CARTON

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **October** we will be collecting light weight food items for the **Back Pack Program**; individual oatmeal packages, granola bars, apple sauce, 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 October 26th	Wednesday December 28th
1:30pm Preferred Senior Living	1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services	2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

Vines, Wine and Good Times
Supporting the Free Clinic of Pierce & St. Croix Counties
OCTOBER
15
FOOD - DRINKS - MUSIC
SILENT AUCTION

FORESTVILLE VINES
W8101 690TH AVE
RIVER FALLS, WI 54022

FREE CLINIC
Pierce & St. Croix Counties



Operation Christmas Child

The Kick off Sunday will be Oct. 30th.

During Coffee Hour

With 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, activity books, school supplies, toothbrushes, combs, hair items, soap (no liquid soap), washcloths, 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,
feel free to leave a message.

LUTEFISK SUPPER
Thursday, Oct. 27th
SERVING 2:30-6:00 P.M.

Menu includes Lutefisk, Meatballs and Gravy
Riced Potatoes, Grot, Norwegian Delicacies, and more!

Limited tickets – Order early – Deadline October 17th, 2022
Take-Out option: Call Office to reserve pick up time.
Dine-in: Online Link: www.oursaviorschurch.info
Church Office Phone: 715-273-4570
Email: admin.os@hbcj.com

COST:
\$20 ADULT
\$12 YOUTH
\$7 CHILD
5 & UNDER FREE

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OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Mary Halls & Peggy Hoyer Money Counters/ Tech Assistants Jill Rosenberry Gabe Feuerhelm						1
2 Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Cross-Gen. Event 10am Sunday School Hour	3	4 7pm Council Meeting	5 7pm Confirmation	6	7	8
9 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School Hour	10	11	12 7pm Confirmation	13	14	15
16 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour No Sunday School Hour	17	18	19 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew (Quinn from Luther Point) 7pm Youth Night	20	21	22
23 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 10am Sunday School Hour	24 6pm moving furniture, refrigerators, and freezers	25 8am Meatball making 12pm Gravy making	26 1:30pm Preferred Living 2:30pm Ellsworth Health 5:30pm Table set-up, and Decorating 5:30pm potato peeling	27 8am grot Making 74th Lutefisk Supper	28 9am Clean-up	29
30 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour NO Sunday School Hour	31 Happy Halloween					

	Greeter's	Usher's	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server	Assisting Minister
Oct. 2nd	Dan & Nadalie	Clair & Audrey S	Jill Rosenberry	Maddi Constant	Peggy	Roger	Rhoda	Ann
9:00AM	Place Family	Darren/Lindsay C	George Rohl	Nora Christopherson	Hoyer	Laughnan	Foley	Young
Oct. 9th	Guy & Megan	Guy & Megan	Gabe Feuerhelm	Eli Stockwell	Amy	Roger	Donna	Lanette
9:00AM	Stockwell	Stockwell	Matt Lundstrom	Brody Flynn	Parmeter	Laughnan	Constant	Place
Oct. 16th	Dave & Christi	Mike/Katie A.	Jill Rosenberry	Marti Allyn	Heather	Roger	Pauline	Rhoda
9:00AM	Edin Family	Dave/Christi E.	Karli Foley-Nelson	Sophia Edin	Johnson	Laughnan	Laughnan	Foley
Oct. 23rd	Lundstrom	Mary H. Randy W.	Gabe Feuerhelm	Omar Coulson	Brad	Roger	Mary	Tom
9:00AM	Family	Brian J, Brad T.	Lundstrom's	Luke Lundstrom	Taplin	Laughnan	Halls	Holdorf
Oct. 30th	Michael/Anne	Casey/Patricia	Jill Rosenberry	Parker P.	Brett	Michael	Gina	Lanette
9:00am	Chisholm Family	Peterson	Chase Unser	Wyatt K.	Unser	Chisholm	Place	Place

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.

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