

# *Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

## *Newsletter*

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

As the summer draws to a close and our young people start going to classes once again, we'll also start meeting again for Sunday school and confirmation. In churches across the country, we are very keen to make sure we teach our young people about the faith—whether telling and retelling the stories from the Bible, or putting together the harder building blocks in confirmation. We value education and that's an inheritance of the Reformation, since every reformer from Martin Luther to John Wesley thought it was incredibly important for every Christian to have a grasp of what this faith we are called to have actually is.

But there's a lot less of an emphasis on learning once we become adults. Yes, we do have an Adult Forum and at least a few Bible Study groups, but I wonder how we might put that same passion and investment in teaching our young people into the continuing education of our congregation in adulthood? How can we be faithful in continuing to fall deeper and deeper into curiosity about who God is and what God is up to in the world?

There are a lot of resources out there to help us learn more about our faith. One that is really good at distilling faith topics into concise lessons is The Bible Project, which has a bunch of videos on YouTube. It's also easy to find good topics to learn about by reading the Living Lutheran magazine, which not only discusses what's going on in the ELCA, but also gives a group study outline for at least one of its articles each month on the website. I'm always happy to offer suggestions of books by authors who present faithful topics in approachable ways (without the confusing theological jargon).

And it's not just that there are lots of resources out there for us to continue learning about our faith. We can also learn together—which is the best way to learn. We have Adult Forum on Sundays, but it doesn't have to be just there. At the table during coffee hour is a perfect time to have an informal conversation about an article you read or a video you watched. We even have the gift of social media to have discussions that don't depend on everyone being able to sit down together at the same time.

Learning is so vital to our young people that we make it their only job for the first eighteen—sometimes more—years of their lives. But learning about the world doesn't end when we graduate, and learning about our faith shouldn't end because we become adults. So use the resources we have to dive into a chapter in the Bible, or learn about how our faith intersects with life, or what a Christian doctrine can say about how to make the world a better place. Always be curious about who God is and what God is up to—believe me, you'll never run out of things to learn there.

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;

**September 15th, October 13th, November 17th, December 15th**

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

# Council Meeting Minutes

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August/6/2019 7 pm

Present were: Norris, Dawn, Tom, Mary, Jill, Mike, and Deb. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Holdorf.

President Tom led us in devotions due to Pastor being in Milwaukee for continuing education at Churchwide Gathering. Devotions were from Acts 16:6-15.

**Guest:** Audrey Severson discussed the prices of the lutefisk meals. In 2014, the price was increased to \$17 for adult. Someone needs to check on the price of lutefisk meal at other churches. Council will finalize prices at September meeting.

**New Business:** Donna Constant wants to set up a “go fund me” site for the ballpark focusing on the need of water, sewer, and bathrooms. Council wants to see all documents before going live with the “go fund me” page. Motion to have Donna pursue by Mike, second by Deb.

Elevator was not compliant because the AT&T phone was not working in the elevator. Tom tested the phone and it is working. To test the phone, call the number, wait until someone answers, and tell them you are testing. Just because it rings is not a test.

The gas company changed a valve in the kitchen. Property committee will check to make sure all ovens and stoves are working properly.

**Old Business:** All committees need to have their goals submitted to Ann as soon as possible.

Ball park Revival service had 100 people attend. There was an infant baptism from English Lutheran congregation. The weather wasn't cooperative, rain started at 1 pm.

NTPA is Sept 6 & 7. Mike is getting his bartender license, but cost is \$335 which can come out of the proceeds. Adults to sell beer, kids can sell soda, and hours of selling to be determined. OSLC to get percentage of beverage sales.

**Secretary's report:** Reviewed. Motion made to approve by Mike, second by Norris. Passed as written.

**Treasurer's report:** \$13,521.07 in the designated account. \$17,329.64 is loan to general account from designated account. \$132.83 in the general account. All bills are paid except Pastor's retirement and insurance, but will be paid next week. The church owes \$2000 in back IRS taxes (employee taxes), interest, and penalties from '13, '15, and '16. Deb said this was a known issue due to not being able to pay the quarterlies during the summer months, but hadn't had a notice in 18 months. Deb tried to file for forgiveness due to being a church and financial hardship, but was rejected. She is going to pay the fines from the designated account. Motion made to approve by Mike, second by Norris.

Pastor's report: see attached.

Youth report: see attached

Committee reports: LPBC quilt auction is Aug 11.

Conflict Detection: none

Motion to adjourn made by Mike. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill.

Adjourned at 8:10 pm .

The next meeting will be September 3rd at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Madsen

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

 **BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND:** Our backpack item for the month of September is packaged bars: fruit bars, granola bars or cereal bars. Please place your donations in the grocery cart located near the elevator. Again we thank you for your support in the fight against hunger.



**God's Work – Our Hands:** On September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, we will be conducting another GWOH Sunday. Please make your commitment today, to join us to do **GOD'S WORK with YOUR HANDS**. Sign-up sheets for our various projects are located in the bulletin, or in the weekly emails. As in the past, we plan to meet at Our Savior's at 9:00 AM for a condensed worship service. We will then disperse to complete a variety of projects, followed by pot luck lunch and fellowship back here at the church.

Please contact any Evangelism Committee member with questions or concerns: Sharon Peterson 715-273-4255, Pauline Laughnan 715-273-4942, Heather Johnson 715-821-3039.

There will also be donation boxes in the narthex for those projects that need donations, as listed below. Thank you in advance for using your hands to do God's Work!

### **Donations needed:**

PC inmate project: yarn for knitting, body wash, shampoo/ conditioner, crossword/word find/other word puzzles, regular puzzles.

PC foster kids/Turningpoint donations: travel size personal care essentials, activity books for young children, journals for older children, fleece throw blankets, duffel bags.

\*GWOH's Projects have been excepted by Thrivent Financial to receive action team funds, so if any project leaders need supplies there is money for the items. We also have new gray shirts in many sizes in the narthex, so please help yourself to one.



**Fundraiser Opportunity:** Our Savior's has been given a great Fundraiser opportunity, to serve beverages at the 2019 Truck and Tractor Pull at the fair grounds. Our Savior's will received a percentage from all beverages sold. Please consider volunteering your time for a shift at this event. The sign-up sheet will be posted at church, or you can contact the office and Patricia will get you signed up for a shift.

**There is 3 hour time slots, starting at 3pm Friday September 6th and Saturday September 7th.**

Your whole Family and Friends can join us for this Fundraiser Opportunity.



### **OUR SAVIOR'S ANNUAL PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm - 7:00pm**

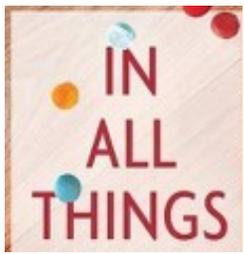
**Hosted by Our Savior's Confirmation Students.**

### **WELCA ~ COUNTRY STORE**

Calling all bakers, crafters, quilters: Time to start thinking about stocking our store with items to sell at the Lutefisk Supper. This is our biggest fundraiser each year. Any and all items are greatly appreciated. Of course, those sweet Scandinavian treats are always a hit, but seasonal décor, and other crafty things sell well too. Thanks in advance.

**The Nominating Committee** is still looking 2 people to prayerfully consider being lutefisk supper co-chairs for 2019, and stepping up to chair persons for 2020.

Please contact Donna Constant, Mary Halls, or Sue Peterson.



**Women's Bible Study** starts on the 2nd Monday of September (9<sup>th</sup>) at 4pm. The study will be "In All Things", a study of Philippians. It is a 9 week study taken into 9 months. The Study is a devotional Bible Study on UNSHAKEABLE JOY. Jesus never intended for us to have just a little bit of happiness in our lives. HE wants us to have fullness of joy-no matter our circumstances. The book of Philippians is an invitation to joy, written by an imprisoned apostle Paul to believers in the early church. His refrain throughout the letter was "Rejoice!" His joy was unshakeable. His peace was secure. His hope was abounding. But how did he find profound contentment in the midst of such difficult circumstances? Discover a joy that will carry you through all the ups and downs of life in the nine-week study of Philippians." (occurring for our Bible Study in 9 months) Hope to see many women.

**The study book is provided and can be picked up the week before.**

**2019 Pierce County Fair OS Fair stand.** Want to take this opportunity to thank all who helped with the OS food stand at the fair. It takes a Village to thrive and the Our Saviors Village showed up. There are so many duties that need to be done and all are as important as the other. There are so many behind the scene duties that are done each day and that is appreciated as any other duties. Also want to thank All who donated products for the fair; from a whole cow, 100# hamburger, Dawn soap, canola oil and more. In the end All of your willingness to give your time, and talents relate to generous donations back out into the community. I also must thank my entire family this year for giving their time and talents. All the #'s are not in however we will top last year. Thanks again and Mark your calendar for 2020 Pierce County Fair. Jim

# Sunday School News!

We're gearing up for another fun and faith filled year of Sunday School!

Sunday School is open to kids in 4K through 5th grade.

We'll kick off our fall schedule on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> during Gods Work Our Hands.

\*Weekly starting September 15<sup>th</sup> through October The Sunday School hour will start at 9am, in the blue chair room. The kids will return to worship to commune with their parents.

## **Our Savior's 2019 Worship Service: Atrium Post Acute Care & Preferred Living**

**September**  
9/11 2:30pm Atrium

**November**  
11/20 2:30pm Atrium



## **In Need of Prayer**

Laura Kemmerer, Steve Straub, Ed Place, Anna Walentowski, Michele Klennert, Vickie Wilkens, Betty Davidson, Alan Nelson, Zachery Caterer, Colleen Johnson, Trudy Owen, and Kristen Anderson,.

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

**A reminder to the 2019 Our Savior's Scholarship recipients:**

Please return your O.S. Scholarship Recipient form to Amy Parmeter.

This is to confirm you are attending college this fall term which is a requirement in order to release the scholarship funds.

**OUR SAVIOR'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

This is an educational scholarship for the 2020-2021 school term from Our Savior's Lutheran Church via the Endowment Committee. This scholarship application must be received by November 1, 2019 for the 2020-2021 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 2020.

Notes: 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 1, 2019**

Send application to:    Amy Parmeter  
   W5098 450<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
   Ellsworth, WI 54011  
   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

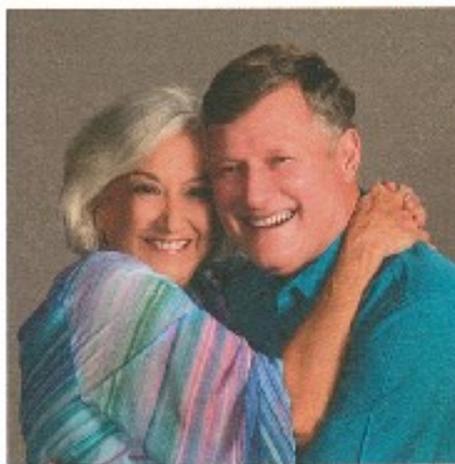
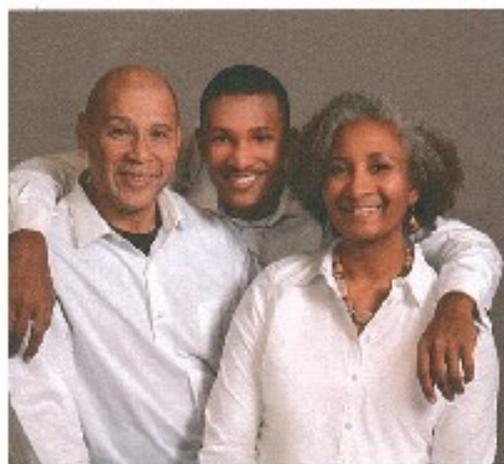
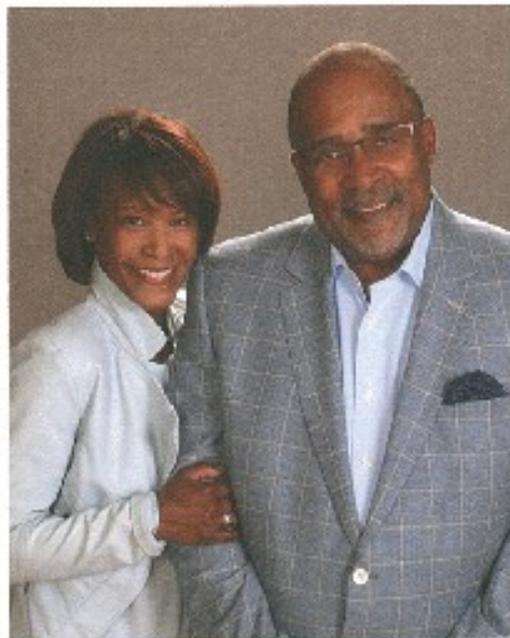
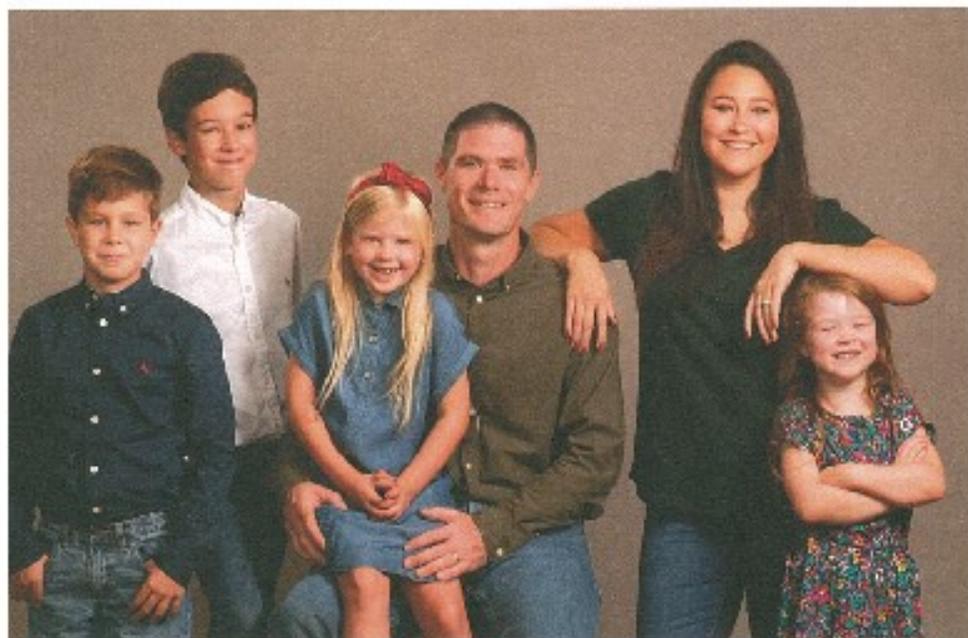
WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER PLANS? \_\_\_\_\_

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

YES    NO    WHEN \_\_\_\_\_

# Be included in our directory

Lifetouch will be photographing all of our families for a new church directory.



## What to expect

- A professional photography session, no session fees.
- View your images after your session and make your selections.

## You will receive

- One FREE 8x10 standard print and church directory.
- PLUS free gift with purchase.

**Schedule your session and be included in our new directory.**

Photography dates and more information will be shared with you soon.

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**Photography Dates & Times**  
**Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**2-9pm**

**Lifetouch.**

[www.lifetouch.com](http://www.lifetouch.com)

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Guild</b> Audrey Severson Bev Radkey	<b>Money Counters</b> Jill Rosenberry Dawn Madsen					
<b>1</b> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 10:30am Adult Forum	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7pm Council Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 3pm-Close Truck & Tractor Pull Fundraiser	<b>7</b> 3pm-Close Truck & Tractor Pull Fundraiser
<b>8 GWOH</b> 9am Worship 9am SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	<b>9</b> 4pm Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 4:45pm Worship Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care Service 4-7pm Ice Cream Social 7pm Confirmation Meeting 7:30pm Mission Trip Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 4pm Girls Slumber / Painting Party
<b>15</b> 9am Worship 9am SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour 10:30am Adult Forum	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4-7pm Eidsvold's Ice Cream Social 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 7pm Confirmation/Aftershock	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9am Worship 9am SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30am Quilting 7pm Confirmation/Aftershock	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9am Worship 9am SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				<b>October</b> <b>Money</b> <b>Counters</b> Ann Young Mike Allyn

## September 2019

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
<b>Sept. 1</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	Brian Johnson	Connie/Todd Girdeen Audrey/Clair Severson	Rylan Girdeen Anthony M.	Carron Parmeter	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley
<b>Sept. 8</b> <b>GWOH</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	Mary/Steve Straub	Arianne/John Halverson, Pam Hines, Peggy Hoyer	Trinity Wilkens Dayah Halverson	Sue Palmquist	Ruby Straub	Tom Holdorf Dan Olson
<b>Sept. 15</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	Amy/Shawn Parmeter	Bridget/Adam Peterson Crystal/Mark Raleigh	Leo Parmeter Sam Allyn	Clair Severson	Andi Peterson	Ann Young Brenda Winger
<b>Sept. 22</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	Carron/Fred Parmeter	Becky/Barry Johnson Ann/Dennis Kiefer	Taylor Peterson Ava Kolodzienski	Mary Halls	Derek Johnson	Lanette Place Mary Straub
<b>Sept. 29</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	Sheryl/Bob Mercord	Dawn/Joe Minder Megan/Guy Stockwell	Rhett Rasmussen Raelyn Rasmussen	Bob Mercord	Alison Laughnan	Rhoda Foley Kathy Young

**Assist. Minister: Sept. 1 - Rhoda, Sept. 8 - Tom, Sept. 15 - Ann, Sept. 22 - Lanette, Sept. 29 - Rhoda**

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. Instructions for each ministry position are posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Lucas at 273-4570 or Rhoda Foley at 273-4865.