

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

September 2022

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

This past week I have been looking at my Facebook feed and seen post after post of “First Day of School” pictures from friends far and near. They're so wonderful, filled with hope and excitement and nervousness about a new school year! Our kids get to experience this feeling, every year, that they get a kind of “fresh start” in a new grade, with new classes, and potentially new friends. So much is captured in a single picture, and it all revolves around the hope and expectation of new beginnings.

And why do we take the time to take those pictures? We want to capture something beautiful: our kiddos grow up so fast, and we want to mark down those days when they took another great, big, exciting step in their lives. We get to be excited for them. We get to be filled with nerves about how they'll do this year. We get to send them off with all our hopes and expectations, waiting to hear how their day went, what new classes are like, who the new kids are, what new teachers they've got, and how the new year is going to go.

Do you think God has that same feeling about us sometimes?

I wonder if God was filled with wonderful anxiety when Abram took one last look at Ur before setting off to the great unknown, wherever God was leading him. Did God capture that picture—this is when big things started to happen?

I wonder if God had those butterflies of joy and hope and wonderment when Samuel found David, and poured the oil on his head, anointing him king. Did God hang up that picture in heaven, the boy who set out on the great adventure to be the one after God's own heart?

I wonder if God's eyes fill with hopeful tears every time we respond, **Thanks be to God** at the end of worship, freed and forgiven and sent out into the world. Does God have a great big collage of us, each Sunday, with a note under each with the hopes we have for the good we'll do in God's name that week?

I think so. I think God is more proudly hopeful of us than we can imagine. I think God takes the same pride and joy in the new beginnings we have each week as we have in our own kids. I think God is hopeful and worried and overjoyed and thrilled to hear what happened, how we learned, how we grew, who we helped, and what we're going to do next.

And I hope, as you walk out of the church on Sunday, and when you leave your front door during the week, that you feel that pride God has in you. I hope you know that God is so excited to have you experience the world. God is so hopeful at the difference you are going to make. God is filled with butterflies of joy and expectation at the new thing you're doing each and every day.

Now, what are you excited to tell God about when you get home?

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 18th, October 16th,
November 13th, December 11th**

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.
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Strengthening Ministry - Today, Tomorrow, Together

Matthew 13:32 : “It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

This passage beautifully illustrates an image of something so small growing into a vibrant network and support system. This, in many ways is symbolic of your Synod Endowment Fund. Since its planting in 2001, the Fund has continued to sprout new branches and has supported dozens of ministries by:

- Encouraging whole life stewardship
- Strengthening and resourcing the ministry of the synod and
- Enhancing the ministry of the synod in addition to, and apart from, its yearly operating budget, with emphasis on, but not limited to:
 - Strengthening congregational vitality
 - Developing ministry for the next generation and
 - Equipping and supporting new leaders through seminary debt assistance, training, and lay leader development

Since inception, the fund has grown to almost a half million dollars and has gifted over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. In the last five years, the Endowment Fund has made gifts to ministries totaling over \$200,000 with \$81,000 of that total given toward Seminary debt assistance.

This year alone, the Endowment Fund gifted over \$47,000 to various congregations and ministries with almost \$20,000 of that total going to Seminary debt assistance. As you can see, the Endowment Fund has been actively supporting ministries throughout the church by not only speaking of God’s Love but putting that Love into action.

At this year’s April Synod Assembly, the Endowment Fund launched a two-year campaign to raise awareness of the Endowment Fund and to grow the Fund so that the work of the church and its ministries can continue to be supported and enriched. The theme for this campaign is: **“Strengthening Ministry – Today, Tomorrow, Together”** with an emphasis on:

- equipping and supporting leaders (seminary debt assistance and training lay leaders)
- strengthening congregational vitality
- developing ministry for the next generation

The goal over the next two years is to increase the endowment fund by \$125,000 and to generate future commitments of an additional \$150,000. The Endowment Fund is committed today and into the future to assist and support churches, ministries, and seminarians with their ministry journeys. **Therefore, the Endowment Fund is asking for your partnership through a gift to help ministries of the church in their journey.** Gifts may be cash or an optional future financial commitment. Whether you have much to give or a small amount to share, leaving a gift through the **Today, Tomorrow, Together** campaign will have long lasting impact. Together we are responding to the story of God’s generosity in the world.

The Endowment Fund is only able to do all this great work because of people just like you who chose to make a gift to the Synod Endowment Fund. Because of your generosity, incredible stories are unfolding, and lives are being touched. It is truly God’s Work, Our Hands.

For more information or to make a gift, please contact the Synod Office or visit the Synod Website at:

<http://nswi.org/giving>

The image in Matthew 13:32 gives us a promise of new growth, strength, and support. We know that the church in ten years will look far different than it does today. We know that we need to do more to support those changes within ministries and prepare church leaders for the future. Because of your generosity, the smallest of seeds can become the strongest of trees. Thank you for your continued support of the Northwest Synod Mission Endowment Fund.

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2022

Call Meeting to Order: President Randy Winger at 7:08 PM

Attending: Debbi Pittman, Randy Winger, Jill Rosenberry, Bob Winger, Patricia Peterson, Pastor Lucas, Ann Young, John Traun, Sharon Seibel, Lanette Place, Dan Place

Absent: Gabe Feuerhelm, Donna Constant

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas lead a book study on the first section of *Waking Up White*, by Debby Irving. We will discuss the next section at the September council meeting.

New Business:

August Money counters & Tech assistants: Ann and Gabe

September money counters & Tech assistants: Jill and Sharon

Lutefisk Supper: Audrey Severson came to discuss how it would work this year. The supper is too large of an event for one or two people to organize, order food, etc. We would like to see each station have a chair and do the ordering and organizing.

A motion was made by Jill, seconded by Bob, to have a dine-in Lutefisk Supper, as we have had in the past (before COVID). M/C A motion was made by John, seconded by Dan to raise the adult prices from \$17 to \$20. M/C.

A motion was made by Patricia, seconded by John, to leave the prices for youth at \$12 for middle/high school ages, \$7 for elementary age, \$0 for below age 5, and worker tickets will remain the same at \$7. M/C. The Stations committee will plan together to make final decisions.

Old Business:

Fair Stand Discussion:

Clair from MIM sent a message stating everything is set up for the fair. Help is needed for prep at the church. Friday night is short workers. A new water heater has been installed, serving counters updated, electrical work done inside, and generous donations have come in to offset the cost of hamburger, which is amazing. Complete report on file from Clair and Donna.

Secretary's Report-

Ann made a motion, seconded by Dan, to approve the July 12, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented by Lanette. M/C

Treasurer's Report-

Designated Account \$70,818.81

General Account \$-291.26

Money Market \$232,301.09

Total: \$302,828.64

This includes the money from Algot's estate, \$158,247.50. It will be invested to earn a better interest rate.

Dan made a motion, seconded by Bob, to accept the Treasurer's report as written. M/C

Pastor's report- Included July activities and meetings. Confirmation will focus on the Apostles Creed and the letters of the New Testament. Complete report on file. Lanette made a motion, seconded by Ann to accept the Pastor's report as written. M/C

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Youth Report-

Patricia reported on the Tri-Synod Youth Gathering held July 25-27, 2022, at UW-River Falls. Participants attended speakers on Social Justice. The service project was at Have a Heart Farm outside of River Falls. A trip to Valley Fair was included. The Youth Report is on file. Pastor made a motion, seconded by Lanette, to accept the report as written. M/C

Committee Reports-

Property Committee: Painting the siding will be done in two parts. The side most visible(west/south) will be power washed and painted first. If that turns out well, the east side will be done. The front stoop of the church will be repaired.

Bob made a motion, seconded by John to spend up to \$3600 on the south/west side for painting and the lift, and \$1000 for repairing the front stoop. M/C. Bob amended his motion to spend up to \$1500 for the concrete for the front stoop. John 2nd. M/C

Worship Committee: Have made preparations for the August 7, Ballpark Worship. The speaker will come from Brickhouse Music. Worship will be at 10:00 AM, followed by a potluck lunch.

Conflict Detection- There was a disagreement with a disputed call at the softball tournament. Donna stepped in to apologize.

Adjourn- Bob made a motion, seconded by Pastor Lucas to adjourn at 8:50 pm. M/C

Closing Prayer-The Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: September 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Rosenberry

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **September** we will be collecting pancake syrup, apple sauce, cans of refried beans, cream of mushroom, cream of chicken and cream of celery.

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church.
Thank you for showing your concern.



WANTED:



Fellowship Hour Hosts

Have a special occasion to celebrate? birthday, anniversary, recognition or achievement event; 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.

Many dates are routinely booked, but we can always shuffle them around to accommodate.

Please consider signing up.



GODS WORK OUR HANDS

September 11, 2022

After our brainstorming meeting we decided to give thank you/appreciation gifts to the following public employees/volunteers.

Fireman – Ron & Darlene Halverson, Mail Carriers – Lanette Place
Bus Drivers – Rhoda Foley, Nurses & Doctors – EMT's & Public Health –
Police Officers –

We need some more volunteers to deliver gifts and be in charge of that group. Each group will be assembling a gift bag with items we have purchased. The groups that we need leaders for are nurses & doctors, EMT's & Public Health, and Police Officers.

We will be having a pot luck lunch that day and will need volunteers to work in the kitchen.

This is also the first day of Sunday School so we need projects that the kids can be involved in.

Please let one of us know if you would be willing to be a group leader or work in the kitchen.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Thank You all for helping to do God's work, with your hands. Evangelism Committee: Heather Johnson, Pauline Laughnan, and Sharon Peterson

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

THANK YOU

On behalf of the council with gratitude for all their time and effort we want to acknowledge and thank the following individuals:

Tim Wiff, Scott Kiefer, Bruce Place, Dennis Schutz, and Dan Place for doing a great job on repairing the front step to the church narthex.

Tim Wiff for hauling away and recycling the old office printer.

Clair & Audrey Severson, Brian Johnson and Megan Stockwell for once again heading up a very successful year with our food stand at the Pierce County Fair.

Clair Severson for keeping up the tradition of Algot Anderson's by planting and maintaining the flowers under the Church sign and by the Pastor's Headstones.

Sharon Peterson for laundering all the dining room chair pads.



2022 Fair Stand Results

The 2022 Pierce Co. Fair is over and on to the next project! And there are many "THANK YOUS" to be had. First of all, thank you to my co-chair, Brian Johnson, and to Megan Stockwell for helping coordinate the workers schedules. Thank you to Rhoda Foley and Sharon Peterson for heading up the pie-making operation, and to Donna Constant for the strawberry-lemonade pies.

I am extremely grateful for all the Chisholm family does. Jim and Michael put 606 pounds of hamburger into patties and chopped 250 pounds of onions the Wednesday before the fair. Then they were there every morning before 6 o'clock to get things rolling for the first shift.

How could you not notice that the chains and blocks of wood we used to secure the service windows are history. Much needed new electrical work was done. We have a new hot water heater. The screen door was repaired. All of this and more done through the expertise of Mike Rehbein. Thank you Mike for all of your time and hard work! We also have two new server boards on the west and north side of the building thanks to Terry Young.

Thanks to the soup makers for putting together 38 gallons of vegetable beef soup Wednesday evening. Thanks to the shift chairs for pinning down the workers for their shifts and heading the shifts. Thanks to the handymen for helping to get the pies to the fair and to Bill Bowen for cleaning the filters above the grill each morning.

And most of all, thank you to all of you who helped make this year a success by donating your time and money to the Fair. The hamburger fund totaled \$3897. This went a long way to helping decrease our expenses.

With two outstanding bills, which I have estimated, The profits from the fair stand should be about \$18,000 dollars. Last year we made \$17,527. The weather was great for selling food. We sold out of soup, pies, and hamburgers. There will be a time when unforeseen circumstances or needed upgrades may limit our profit.

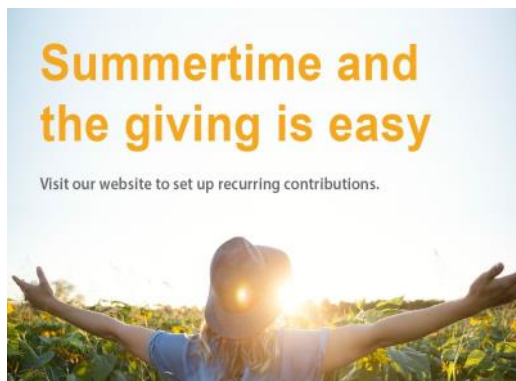
But for now, all is good! **Thanks to all! Clair Severson, Fair Stand Chair**

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!





Velkommen

Our Savior's 74th Annual Lutefisk Supper

Thursday, Oct 27th, 2022

MENU: Lutefisk with Butter and Cream Sauce
Meatballs and Gravy
Riced Potatoes, Coleslaw, Rolls
Grot, Norwegian Delicacies, Coffee, Milk
Serving 2:30 – 6:00PM

Cost: \$20 adult ~ \$12 youth ~ \$7 child ~ 5 & under free

Limited tickets – Order early – Deadline October 17th, 2022

Take-Out option is available.

Pre-sales and time reservations required:

Online Link: www.oursaviorschurch.info

Phone: 715-273-4570

Email: admin.os@hbc.com

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SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Audrey Severson Ann Young Money Counters: Jill Rosenberry Sharon Seibel				1	2	3
4 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	5	6 7pm Council Meeting	7	8	9	10 12pm Youth Softball
11 Gods Work Our Hands 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am GWOH Projects	12	13	14 4-7pm Pie and Ice Cream Social 7pm Confirmation Meeting 7:30pm 2023 Mission Trip Meeting	15	16	17 8am MIM Meeting
18 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour 10am Sunday School Hour	19	20	21 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew 7pm Confirmation	22	23	24
25 9am In-person Worship 9am Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	26	27	28 8:30am Quilting 7pm Confirmation	29	30	

	Greeter's	Usher's	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server	Assisting Minister
Sept. 4th	Sandy	Larry & Sharon	Patricia	Madalyn Constant	Audrey	Roger	Sheryl	Ann
9:00AM	Ruikka	Peterson	Peterson	Carly Girdeen	Severson	Laughnan	Mercord	Young
Sept. 11th	Gabe & Katie	Gabe & Katie F.	Tom Holdorf	Nora & Lucy	Belinda	Roger	Jill	Rhoda
9:00AM	Feuerhelm	Terry Young	Karli Foley Nelson	Feuerhelm	Foley	Laughnan	Rosenberry	Foley
Sept. 18th	Lori Coulson	Barry & Becky J.	Bruce Place	George Rohl	Michael	Roger	Mary	Lanette
9:00AM	Norma Taplin	Brian J. & Mary H.	Chase Unser	Alex Knight	Chisholm	Laughnan	Halls	Place
Sept. 25th	Bill & Vicki	Tim & Jodi Wiff	Lundstrom Family	Pearl Shelly	Crystal	Roger	Sue	Tom
9:00AM	Bowen Family	Bob & Brenda Winger	Breken Young	Dustyn Raleigh	Raleigh	Laughnan	Peterson	Holdorf

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!

Curt Wandmacher, Ann Leonard, Elise Foley, Jay Handsaker,
 Kimber Hause, Ian Peterson, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.
 If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.
 The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

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