

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

September 2023

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

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Dear siblings in Christ,

Here it is, the beginning of September! There are a lot of things that happen this month: school is back in session, the last summer activities are coming to an end, the church program year has started, and the summer sun won't lure quite as many of us to play hooky from church! One of the great things about this month is that I get to see so many of our kids in church again. The sound of kids chattering and laughing in church is one of my favorite sounds.

But for some of us, the sound of children in church fills us with anxiety, because the chattering and laughing is our own kid! I know how it can be so difficult wrangling small children, from getting them up early on a Sunday morning, getting them fed, getting ourselves dressed, and managing to cart the whole family to church. And then the real fun begins when you try to make sure they're not too loud and distracting for those around you, all the while wondering if you'll get anything out of worship to begin with! They make it complicated, is what I'm saying.

But what if we looked at our kids coming to church in a different way?

Because what, exactly, are we doing when we worship? We may think worship means spending devotional time with God—but you can do that at home after the kids go to bed, without navigating being around other people. Or maybe we think worship means listening to a good sermon and learning something there—but a podcast while doing laundry or on the commute would serve you a lot better, and be a lot easier while still accomplishing the purpose. Or maybe we think worship is hearing good, spirit-filled music—but again, you could do that by turning on Spotify.

Instead, what if we thought of worship as all of us encountering God, *together*? As something we simply *couldn't* do by ourselves? Well, then the songs become less about feeling the Spirit in the melody and more about feeling the Spirit in the sometimes enthusiastic, sometimes off-key singing of our neighbors who bring their own stories into the lyrics. And the words of the sermon become less about an individual lesson we need to learn and more of an encounter with what God is doing in and among the whole congregation. And our gathering becomes less of a personal devotional time and more of a collective visit with God, complete with everyone's opinions and life stories and unique perspectives.

And your rambunctious, chattering, laughing kids? They are just as much of an encounter with God for the people around you. When you bring your kids to church and you feel self-conscious about how they are acting, remember that they are helping your neighbor encounter God just as much as your neighbor is helping you encounter God. When your kiddo suddenly switches from play-acting the latest Sesame Street in the pew to suddenly shouting "AMEN!" because they recognize that part of a prayer, they are helping the congregation encounter God! And when they laugh at a very inopportune moment of silence, they are reconnecting the congregation with the laughter of God! And when they cannot sit still, or when they get antsy and impatient, they are drawing the congregation to remember how God has such grace and patience with us, so that we can extend that grace and patience to others!

It's September, and kids are coming back to worship. And with kids in worship comes kid noises and kid activities in worship. But don't let that be a reason to worry about bringing them! Far from being a distraction to worship, remember that they are a vital part of helping us encounter God in some new and exciting way. We need them here as much as they need to be here. We are all blessed by their presence, and you, dear parents of small kids, bring that blessing to the congregation.

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 17th, October 15th

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.
office.osbeldenville@gmail.com, 715-273-4570

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2023

Call Meeting to Order: President Tim Wiff at 7:02 PM.

Attending: Debbi Pittman, Jill Rosenberry, Pastor Lucas, Lanette Place, Donna Constant, Ron Halverson, Mike Rehbein, Tim Wiff, Audrey Severson, Ann Young, Mark Jensen, Patricia Peterson

Absent: John Traun

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas lead a discussion of God Sightings and Psalms 8.

New Business:

- Approve Agenda: Lanette made a motion, seconded by Ron to approve the August 1, 2023 agenda. M/C
- Money Counters & Tech Asst: August-Mark & Lanette September- Donna & Patricia
- Pierce County Fairstand: Mike Rehbein presented a number of improvements on the fairstand and those pending. A full report is on file. Thank you to Mike R and Clair S for all your hard work of repairing and cleaning the fairstand.
- Lutefisk Supper: Lanette made a motion, seconded by Patricia to leave the price of the Lutefisk supper tickets at \$20 per ticket. M/C
- Property Insurance Update:
 - o Brotherhood Mutual has been in effect since July 8, 2023. The rate was raised by \$800, due to claims with in the last 5 years.
 - o Although we are off the Acuity Insurance, the adjuster has an open claim on the hail damage for the church, from October of 2022. We will be updated about that claim as more is made known.
 - o Tim will look into if a specific kind of hood is needed at the fairstand for our insurance.
 - o Tim will look into making sure we have construction insurance on the ballpark while it is under construction.
 - o Thank you Tim W for all your work with the insurance companies.
- Habitat for Humanity-Elevate Ellsworth: There are two projects we can be involved with.
 - o Habitat Humanity Build on Panther Drive: They are asking for volunteers and applications for those who want to see if they qualify for a Habitat home.
 - o Rock the Block: Sept 29-October 1, Help for low-income families with yard work and home repairs. They are asking for volunteers to work, monetary donations, and providing lunches. Audrey made a motion, seconded by Donna, to donate \$500 to Rock the Block. This will also get our name on a sign. M/C
- Fuel Pre-Buy contract: Mike made a motion, seconded by Ann, to pre-buy 4,611 gallons as allowed by Chippewa Valley, at \$1.499 a gallon. M/C

Old Business:

- Church Directory: September 21-23. Please sign up soon.
- Swift Current Update: The line has been dug in. We will soon make the connection. The switch over to the new emails has gone well.

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Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

Secretary's Report-

Lanette made a motion, seconded by Donna, to approve the June 6, 2023 council meeting minutes as presented by Jill. M/C

Treasurer's Report-

Designated Account	\$75,222.24
General Account	\$-376.92
Money Market	\$33,467.95
Total	\$108,313.27

We will need to pay the new insurance, which will be borrowed from the Designated fund and then reimbursed by the pro-rated Acuity Insurance account.

Pastor Lucas made a motion, seconded by Patricia, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by Debbi, with a note that one check has not been posted yet in the Fundraising account. M/C

Pastor's report- Pastor Lucas highlighted a number of events this summer. We discussed a worship service in November to acknowledge Native American Recognition month. The service will provide history and hymns inspired by Native Americans. Pastor Lucas' full report is on file.

Youth Report- Patricia provided a printed report highlighting upcoming events. The Pie and Ice Cream Social will be by September 13 th , from 4-7pm. The first fall Confirmation class and SOS Kids Crew will be Wednesday, September 20. The full Youth Report is on file.

Committee Reports-

Worship Committee: Ballpark Service 7/30/2023. About 40 in attendance. The sound system worked well.

Conflict Detection-

- Blessing of the Tractors-Can this be part of our Outdoor service extravaganza?
- Some members are concerned with the behavior of pastor's children disturbing the worship service. The executive committee will meet to discuss.

Ann made a motion, seconded by Lanette, to go into Closed Session at this time: 9:30pm M/C

Adjourn- After Closed Session, 10:00pm

Closing Prayer-The Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: September 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Rosenberry

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items.

For the month of **September** we will be collecting; **Ramen Noodles, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Instant Mash Potatoes, and Jello Mix.**

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church.

Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations are accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations can be made @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Lets help end hunger in



Church Directory Picture Greeters Needed:

We are needing 2 people per time slot. Your role is to greet the individual, couple or family that is being photographed and make them feel welcome & comfortable while they wait. There will also be forms from the photo team for you to fill out as people come in for their portrait.

Time Slots:

Thursday September 21st 1:45pm-5:15pm, 5pm -8:30pm,
Friday September 22nd 1:45pm-5:15pm, 5pm -8:30pm,
Saturday September 23rd 9:45am- 1pm, 12:45pm-4pm

Call the Church Office if you are able volunteer for one of these time slots.

Church Photo Directory Designer Needed: Patricia is also needing 2 members to help with designing the church directory after all the photos are taken.

Fun Facts about your Church Committees:

Did you know that there are 16 different committees with 56 committee members sharing their talents? Each year members rotate off their committees after serving a 3 year term or in some cases accept a 2nd term. For the next few months we will share information on the various committees roles so that you may find a committee that you would like to serve on in the future.

This month's featured committees are:

Congregation council member - this committee has general oversight of the life and activities of Our Saviors, with special focus on its worship life to ensure that everything is done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Stewardship Committee - encourage preaching, teaching and celebrating generosity in the life of the church. Ensure emphasis on some aspect of stewardship quarterly. Personalize giving so members can see and pray for what their gifts are doing.

**2023 Preferred Living & Ellsworth Health Services
combined Schedule for Our Savior's**

Wednesday November 15th
1:30pm Preferred Senior Living
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services



In Need of Prayer!

Barb Cook, David Koehler, Fred Hoyer, John Paape, Wayne Peterson, Ann Leonard, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.
If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the Church Office.
The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



OUR SAVIOR'S ANNUAL PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, September 13th

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by Our Savior's Confirmation Youth.



News from the Sunshine Crew:

Kathy Young and Kay Berg have stepped up to join the Sunshine Crew. We are so grateful to both of these stewards for joining us in this rewarding out-reach ministry, and we would gladly welcome more helpers. Our aim is to spread Jesus love through hospitality: calls, greeting cards, visits, food, flowers, prayers, and more. Please contact the church office if you know of anyone in need of a little cheer.

Support Our Mission with Online Giving

This Summer consider making your gifts using our eGiving tools.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers online:

www.oursaviorschurch.info "give" tab,

utilizing the QR code,

or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.



Anyone interested in a group Bible Study?

Preferred day of the week:

☐ S M T W Th F

Time of day:

☐ Morning

☐ Afternoon

☐ Evening

Books or Topics that interest you.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



THANK YOU



ANOTHER FAIR IS HISTORY. A sincere THANK YOU to all of you who took part in the 2023 Fair, many of you, did much more than "just your part". Although the weather took the biggest evening event, once the bills are in, I think we will find that we did quite well.

A special THANK YOU to all of you who also contributed to the hamburger fund. This makes a big difference in the final amount we can generate for outreach ministries. You may have noticed that there are no other vendors at the fair that publish where the proceeds are going. Mike and I will continue to make improvements at the stand to hopefully make your experience more enjoyable.

THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL YOU DO! CLAIR

Rush River Lutheran Church

The 76th Annual

Harvest Dinner and Country Store

September 24, 2023

Serving 11:00-2:00

Adults \$16
Children \$8
(ages 7-12)

Cafeteria style menu:
Hand-rolled meatballs, ham, lefse, rommegrot,
cookies and other traditional
Norwegian treats!

RushRiverLutheran.org
Rush River Lutheran Church
N8623 County Road Y - River Falls, WI 54022




This year as part of our God's Work Our Hands event, we will be partnering with the Rock the Block, Habitat for Humanity project in and around the Ellsworth area. Projects for Rock the Block will be taking place on Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st. We will still have projects at church on Sunday October 1st for those who wish to stay at church. There will be quilting, pillow case dress making, letter writing, cemetery work and packing lunches for Rock the block workers. Be watching for more information to come in the weekly announcements.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA

Our Saviors Lutheran Church "Field of Dreams" Ballfield

Adjacent to N6450 530 th Street
Beldenville, WI 54003

Sunday, September 10th
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM
RAIN OR SHINE

10:30am Worship Service with Special Music
Followed by the Blessing of the Tractors and Farm Trucks

Food, Games and Fun Activities

Meal of Pull Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Potato Salad, Coleslaw,
Beans, Ice Cream Cups & Beverages

\$8.00 per person, \$4:00 for Kids 4-12, and Under 4 Eat Free

For more information call (715)273-4570 or
email office.osbeldenville@gmail.com



Velkommen

Our Savior's 75th Annual Lutefisk Supper Thursday, Oct 26th, 2023

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

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

Limited tickets - Order early - Deadline October 16th, 2023

Take-Out option: Call Office to reserve pick up time.

Dine-In time reservations required:

Online Link: www.oursaviorschurch.info

Church Office Phone: 715-273-4570

Email: office.osbeldenville@gmail.com

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Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families.
Connecting generations.*



Schedule Your Photo Appointment Online! Photo Dates Thursday - Saturday, September 21 - 23

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code to the right. Or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button. Enter **w1264** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field. Note: The Church Code & Password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 time slots. The online scheduling option may not be available Saturday or Sunday because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church on selected weekends. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**



2021 Universal Church Directories

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Audrey Severson Ann Young Money Counters/ Tech Assistants: Patricia Peterson Donna Constant					1	2
3 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	4	5 7pm Council Meeting	6	7	8	9
10 Outdoor Extravaganza 10:30am Worship at Ballfield Blessing of the Farmers Free-will offering Luncheon Rally Sunday for Sunday School	11	12	13 4-7pm Pie & Ice Cream Social 7pm Confirmation Meeting 7:30pm Mission Trip Meeting	14	15	16 8am MIM Meeting
17 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	18	19	20 4-5:30pm S.O.S. Kids Crew 5:30-6:30pm Family Meal 7-8pm Confirmation	21 2-8:30pm Church Directory Photos	22 2-8:30pm Church Directory Photos	23 10am –4pm Church Directory Photos
24 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	25	26	27 8:30am Quilting 7-8pm Confirmation	28	29	30

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server	Assisting Minister
Sept. 3rd 9:00am	Bruce Place Mary Halls	Donna Constant Karli Foley-Nelson	Maddie Constant Wyatt Kirchner	Kathy Young	Roger Laughnan	Pauline Laughnan	Rhoda Foley
Sept. 10th 10:30am	Lori Coulson Mary Halls	Ball Field	Ball Field	Pastor Pete	Roger Laughnan	Audrey Severson	Tom Holdorf
Sept. 17th 9:00am	Todd & Connie Girdeen	Donna Constant Isaac Yunker	Brody Flynn Breken Young	Rhoda Foley	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley	Lanette Place
Sept. 24th 9:00am	Donna Constant Carolyn Schellfeffer	Patricia Peterson Ada Erlandson	Dustyn Raleigh Eli Stockwell	Crystal Raleigh	Roger Laughnan	Audrey Severson	Ann Young

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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