

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

September 2024

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

Dear siblings in Christ,

Before we had our girls, Annie and I had every intention of doing what all the pediatricians said and limit screen time as much as possible, for as long as possible. And we did pretty good with Hazel, right up until the pandemic hit. Then, all bets were off. And we've learned to live with it, work on limiting how much time they spend watching things, and try to make what they do watch something worth watching (it need to have a good lesson that they can learn). We are constantly on the lookout for good programming that mixes education with entertainment. Of course, we also have to do so within the budget of only signing up for so many streaming services!

So it was really exciting this past summer when I was contacted by a company we as a church used briefly years ago. It's called RightNow Media, and in the past eight years since I last experienced them, they have grown tremendously. It's a streaming service, but it offers exclusively Christian material. It also has things ranging from in-depth Bible studies (complete with study guides you can download) to kid-friendly shows that model Christian values. There is material that can be used for Sunday school teachers and confirmation classes. You could use it at home for a family Bible study or do a virtual meeting with others around a video stud. It felt pretty exciting to explore it and see what we could do with it as a ministry of the church.

When Martin Luther penned his ninety-five theses, it wasn't just his theological arguments that changed the world. It was the way that he used the latest technology—the printing press—to make it possible for people across the continent to read his words. We've already started using the latest technology by live streaming our worship services and engaging with social media to share the good news of Jesus Christ. This streaming service is, as I see it, one more way we can use technology to reach more people, to deepen our faith, and to share the good news more widely.

The cool thing is, it only requires the subscription of the church for all of us to access it! If you want to be part of it, all you have to do is sign up through our congregation. Your profile will be your own, so you can save the shows that impact you the most without having to worry about someone else messing with your suggestions! It makes us all able to engage our faith in a way that is just as familiar as turning on Netflix or scrolling through YouTube. And, even better, the model that RightNow Media uses is that there is no limit on the number of people we can share it with. So if you have a neighbor that can't make it to church or Bible study, think about giving them access to our account.

I hope you will all join me in trying out this technology that gives us one more way to engage with our faith at 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 15th, October 13th, November 17th ,
December 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

July 02, 2024

Call Meeting to Order: President Tim Wiff at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Debbi Pittman, Pastor Lucas, Donna Constant, Mike Rehbein, Tim Wiff, Audrey Severson, Ann Young, Patricia Peterson, Mark Jensen, Sue Palmquist, Steve Straub

Absent: Ron Halverson, John Traun

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas

New Business:

Chamber of Commerce: Chamber is asking about the use of church facilities regarding office space and the kitchen to partner with local entrepreneurs.

Discussion regarding need of a rental agreement, insurance. Council concluded office space type of use is acceptable. Kitchen use not approved. Kitchen does not have commercial grade vent hood nor a vent hood fire suppression system.

Elevator Phone: Phone is not working. \$660 repair estimate. Patricia will contact Swift Current to determine if we have a land line for the elevator phone. Recommend announcing to congregation members to have a cell phone available or someone there when using elevator in the event assistance is needed. A sign may help in the meantime if the elevator is used for events when guests use the elevator and are unaware the emergency phone is not available.

Funeral and Wedding Policy, Fees and Form Review: Discussions regarding fees were needed due to funeral homes requesting the funeral fees be itemized instead of a single fee. The itemized fees were discussed individually, and some were increased to reflect current costs. Funeral and wedding forms needed updating and wording clarified. Pastor Lucas submitted the work he prepared prior to the council meeting to make the forms easily understood. Council read and approved the changes. Debbi stated checks are to be made to Our Saviors when covering fees referenced on the forms.

Custodians: Custodians are asking to change pay method from monthly to per cleaning. This should be brought up for the next year's budget.

Donation to Heart for Purchase of Clothing, Etc. Audrey made a motion to donate \$500 from the Emergency Disaster Fund to fund purchases for Heart activity. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Insurance Research: Tim is continuing to research alternatives to Brotherhood Mutual. None thus far. For now, continuing with Brotherhood Mutual. This is in regard to the higher deductible.

Summer Fun Fest: Event being planned as to what will be available to share what Our Saviors does for the community. Slide show, games for kids, music. Hot fudge, brownies and ice cream.

Blessing of the Tractors: Flyers are available for Blessing of the Tractors, 12 PM, August 25th, following the outdoor service at the ballpark.

Softball Field Newspaper Article: Pierce County Journal published an extensive article with multiple photos showcasing the new ballpark pavilion.

Luther Point Bible Camp Donation: \$1,200 was raised in support of Luther Point's 75th year, per Audrey.

Cooler: Cooler is paid off. The kitchen fund is repaid.
Motion to approve Audrey, 2nd Debbie, M/C

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Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve June 04, 2024 meeting notes by Donna, 2nd Pastor, M/C

Treasurer's Report:

Designated Account \$47,765.48

General Account -\$95.40

Money Market \$35,559.88

The Edward Jones CDs account: \$209,090.27

Motion to approve, Steve, 2nd Patricia, M/C

Pastor's Report:

Vacation Bible School: Assisted 4 days in the community VBS at English Lutheran. Looking forward to next year. Enjoyed the time with the kids.

Coffee & Conversation Sessions: Continuing to be well attended. Thoughtful discussions.

Mission Trip: Six kids and three chaperones traveled to Lincoln, IL to experience God in service. Appreciated the honesty youth expressed about their expectations they held regarding the mission trip before attending. Hoping their honesty inspires more kids to attend.

Synod Assembly, Eau Claire: Synod passed resolution to have childcare on site for all synod functions to encourage and enable younger families to attend.

Martin Halom elected as Bishop.

Moses Project: The first retreat is coming up, August 5th-7th. Looking forward to how this will help me be a better pastor for our congregation.

Visited and provided communion to shut-ins and members at the care center

Presided at one funeral (Bernie & Nancy Odalen)

Presided at one baptism (Olivia Sebion)

Ran the scoreboard for one softball game, looking forward to the tournament.

Motion to approve Patricia, Donna 2nd M/C

Youth Report:

Community Vacation Bible School: Seven kids from Our Saviors attended. Seven adults, seven youth volunteered. This year there were 63 kids at VBS, last year there were 32.

Mission Trip, June 16th, 2024, Lincoln, IL: After a year of fund raising and preparation, 5 youth, 3 adults headed to Lincoln, IL for a challenging week of spiritual growth and service projects of painting and building wheelchair ramps. 202 Campers from 9 states, 31 project sites, 121,000 hours worked, 11,198 items donated!

July Youth Fund Raiser Opportunity: Beldenville Old Car Show and Swap Meet. Volunteers needed. This raises money for youth activities. Youth can raise money for their Mission Trip and earn high school volunteer hours. July 28th, 6am to 11:30am.

Motion to approve Donna, 2nd Mark, M/C

Committee Reports:

No Committee Reports

Conflict Detection: none

Adjourn:

Motion to approve Donna, 2nd Audrey, M/C 8:25pm

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: September 03, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Rehbein



Pie and Ice Cream

Social

Bring your friends and family for some great fellowship, food, and some delicious pie and ice cream.

Wednesday

September 11th, 2024
4-7pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
N6450 530th St, Beldenville WI

Hosted by the Our Savior's Confirmation Class



CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION *Renew - Reuse - Repurpose*

SEPTEMBER 27 - 28, 2024

2024 Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Synodical Women's Organization Convention

**AT SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH,
1310 Main St, Eau Claire**

RESERVE THESE DATES on your calendar. COME! Be inspired as together we sing, pray, laugh, worship, and learn from keynote speakers and awareness session leaders!

We also ask you to participate:

- **display what your congregation is doing for Caring for God's Creation – this can be a display board set on a table or simply a handout describing what you're doing**
- **if you or someone you know makes items by repurposing something, you are welcome to bring for display**
- **Since we are caring for God's creation, we ask that you bring your coffee mug, your favorite water bottle, and your favorite bag or tote for carrying your items**
- **Bring colorful used t-shirts sizes M, L, XL, XXL, and larger to be made into rugs**

Friday evening:

6:00 p.m. registration, snacks and beverages for voting members

7:00 p.m. business meeting - each church unit is entitled to send a voting member for the business meeting which will include financial report, election of officers and conference board members, SWO budget, and any other business to come before the meeting.

Approximately 8:15 close with Holden Evening Prayer.

Saturday:

8:00 a.m. registration, coffee and morning treats

9:00 a.m. Welcome and worship

After worship, Dr. Jim Boulter will have a conversation with us about climate change, its effects, how we can make an impact on climate change as individuals, as a church, and at our workplace. Come with your questions for the Q&A session.

After lunch there will be 5 awareness sessions: how to establish a green team in your congregation, the synod creation team will address their goals and display environmentally safe items that we can use in our daily routines; one addressing food waste, another on Composting 101 and one that provides info on the climate and empowers individuals to work together on climate policy.

COST: \$30. See mailing for more information and registration form!

Phyllis Beastrom, Convention Chair 715-821-5847 beastrom@redwing.net

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



God's Work Our Hands: Let's get together as friends in Christ to love and serve our neighbors in the community and beyond, on Sunday September 8th for God's Work Our Hands. There will be a potluck lunch and fellowship after our work is done, around 11:45am. Our projects for this year are: Quilting, Baby Care Kits, Pillowcase dresses, Cemetery Clean-up, Letter writing, Ballpark Projects, Teacher Care Kits, Random Act of Kindness, and Yard Work.
*Confirmation students will receive 2 points toward requirements for any project they help with, and High School students can earn service hours for helping.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **SEPTEMBER** we will be collecting; **Canned Beans, Canned Carrots, Canned Peaches, SpaghettiOs, and Dry Soup.**

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations accepted 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. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

**2024
Preferred Senior Living
&
Ellsworth Health Services**

Worship Schedule for Our Savior's

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living,
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

**Wednesday
November 13th**



In Need of Prayer!

Rodney Glampe, Judy Nelson, Elaine Hines, Dean Mewes, John Paape, Eldon Schellfeffer, and Kristen Anderson.
If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the Church Office.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Thank you for your donation of shoes, clothes, diapers, household items and etc. We are so grateful for these! We have been able to provide shoes to numerous kiddos. Thank you for thinking of us! Angela, Pierce County Child Protection.



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Our Savior's 76th Annual

Lutefisk Supper

Thursday, Oct 24th, 2024

Serving 2:00 – 6:30PM

SAVE THE DATE!

We can start planning another Lutefisk Supper if we have willing volunteers again.

The date is the fourth Thursday of October which will be October 24 this year.

The council will discuss the ticket price at the next meeting Sept 3.

Reservations online have worked well in the past. Suggestions for improvements are welcomed.

Gina Place / Audrey Severson

Support Our Mission with eGiving

This Summer, consider making your gifts using our eGiving tools.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers online:
www.oursaviorschurch.info "give" tab
Text-to-Give: 833-506-0632.



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Audrey Severson Ann Young Money Counters/ Tech Assistants Mike Rehbein Donna Constant/Tim Wiff						
1 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	2	3 7pm Council Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 God's Work Our Hands 9am Worship/Livestream 9:45am Projects 11:45am Potluck Lunch	9 10am Coffee and Conversation	10	11 4-7pm Pie and Ice Cream Social 7pm Confirmation Meeting 2025 Mission Trip Meeting	12	13	14
15 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	16	17	18 4-5:30pm S.O.S. Kids Crew 5:30pm Family Meal 7pm Confirmation	19	20	21 8am MIM Meeting
22 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	23 10am Coffee and Conversation	24	25 8:30am Quilting 7pm Confirmation	26	27	28 8am Women's Convention
29 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	30					

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Assisting
September 1st 9:00AM	Casey & Patricia Peterson	Megan Peterson Mike Rehbein	Brady Peterson Wyatt Goodier	Tim Wiff	Roger Laughnan	Tom Holdorf
September 8th 9:00AM	Keith & Julie Lundstrom	Mary Lundstrom Donna Constant	Luke Lundstrom Wyatt Kirchner	Kay Berg	Roger Laughnan	
September 15th 9:00AM	Dan & Holly Johnson	Grayson Jensen Tim Wiff	Ben Johnson Isaac Yunker	Belinda Foley	Roger Laughnan	Ann Young
September 22nd 9:00AM	Roger & Pauline Laughnan	Chase Unser Mike Rehbein	Lucy & June Feuerhelm	Katie Feuerhelm	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley
September 29th 9:00AM	Randy Winger Brian Johnson	Jake Knight Tim Wiff	Maddie Constant Martha Allyn	Mary Halls	Roger Laughnan	Lanette 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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