

June 2021 Newsletter

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Our Mission...

...is to equip and encourage followers of Christ to share the love of Jesus with people in our community and in the world so that all may have eternal life.



June Memory Verse

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you;
He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Deuteronomy 31:8

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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 5th ~ 9:00-11:30 am
VBS Craft Day

Saturday, July 3rd @ 7 pm & Sunday, July 4th @ 8 am
Worship with Patriotic Music

Eagle River 4th of July Parade 11 am

Food Drive for Vilas Food Pantry July 3rd/4th at church
& during 4th of July parade



From the Pastor's Desk

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Life would be easy if we all were of the same mind. Think about how great it would be if everyone saw things the same way. If we were all of the same mindset, there would be no disagreements and no wars. There would be no jealousy or bitterness that would separate us from one another. Life would be great!

It should be of no surprise that our world desires for all people to have this same mindset in order that everyone could get along and that peace could reign. But where is that common ground? What is the mindset that everyone could agree upon? Is having the same mindset agreeing to disagree? To have the same mind among people is a big headache!

Yet as Christians, we are urged to be of the same mind and have the same love. And we see how well that is going! Differing theological viewpoints create denominations and split families. Differing views as to how things are to be done within the church creates tension and discord. And the way we can interact (or choose not to interact) with one another apart from one hour on Sunday morning is just despicable!

Although the world desires it and Scripture calls for it, to be of the same mind goes against everything we are and what the world teaches us to be. The world encourages us to be uniquely different. Consumerism dictates that the customer is always right. We seek to blame others rather than accept the fact that we are in the wrong. Jealousy runs rampant. But as long as everyone has the same mind as me, everything will be just fine.

To be of the same mind is unfathomable to us because we don't know any other way. Yet in Christ, this is what we are to strive for. After all, as children of the heavenly Father, shouldn't we too strive to live according to His Law and Gospel? With a common ground such as this, to be of the same mind and counting others as more significant than ourselves should come easy! But it doesn't. It is a battle because it goes against everything we are: sinners.

But Christ in His mercy, humbled Himself. Jesus took on flesh not as a papered, spoiled brat, but as a humble servant who was obedient to the point of death... on a cross reserved for the worst of criminals. Jesus humbled Himself in order that you could be forgiven and live together with Him in His kingdom. Do you think that there are going to be divisions grounded in sin that will separate us at that time? Scripture tells us otherwise (Revelation 21:4, 22:3). So why allow ourselves to live in it now? In Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Therefore, we pray that God works in our hearts that we can truly forgive others as He has forgiven us... that we can humble ourselves, and submit to others, as we submit to Him. *So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10-11)*

Food Drive at July 4th Parade



All members and friends of Our Savior are invited to participate in our July 4th parade entry! Ride or walk along the parade route as we collect non-perishable food items and cash donations for the Vilas Food Pantry! We will also pass out candy, bookmarks, and information about Our Savior. Please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office if you can participate. Come join the fun!

Vacation Bible School 2021

July 19th-22nd, 9 a.m. to Noon

To register: www.oursavioreagleriver.org



At the Incredible Race, we will travel around the world to learn that we are all part of one race, the human race, and we have one Savior, Jesus Christ!

Come enjoy:

- The Refueling Station, our Bible Time
- World-class Crafts
- Globe-trotting Games
- Runway Café, Snack Time
- Daily Drama

To volunteer or learn more, please contact
Marlene Rieck: 715-479-6226

Craft Saturday, June 5th, 9-11:30 am

All ages are invited to make crafts that will be used for VBS decorations! Come and go as you wish! Snacks provided.



Elders Meeting – May 12, 2021

Agenda:

1. Opening Devotion
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes
3. Worship seating discussion
4. Finalization and communication of summer worship schedule
5. DCE Intern update
6. New member reception
7. Shut in/delinquent member discussion
8. Summer elder get together – not discussed
9. General discussion; new and old business
10. Closing

Notes:

- Called meeting to order. Pastor led a devotion from Acts as Ascension Day is tomorrow.
- Prior months meeting minutes approved.
- Discussion around social distance seating and masking. We will continue to remove marked pews throughout May and provide seating without restriction. Elders to continue masking for communion. Update to our Covid practices will be included in upcoming bulletins.
- Summer schedule status quo as years past. Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Communication at this Sunday's services.
- Andrew DCE intern update, proposed start is August 1. Housing still needed. Art continues to follow up for us. Andrew will have his own car.
- New member reception scheduled for May 23 after the 10 AM service. 40 new members scheduled to join at that time.
- Delinquent/inactive member list shared with all elders. Pastor to pen a letter that the elders will review. Letter to be sent to all on this list.
- Shut in update. Not many for a congregation of our size which is terrific.
- Pastor to officiate a wedding in Mountain Lake on August 6.
- Discussion around a memorial wall for the north wall of the narthex. Elders generally not supportive of this. To be further discussed at church council.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Money and the Great Commission

Jesus' parting command was: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with His mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere. He has given us our marching orders, and, in His strength, we can give ourselves fully to His work.

Because God has chosen to use us as His tools to bring salvation to all people, we must use our lives and gifts to spread the Good News. Paul wrote, *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the tools that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, "Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible." Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus' command to reach out to all people. Paul wrote that, through our giving, we *"test the sincerity of [our] love by comparing it with the earnestness of others"* (2 Corinthians 8:8).

For nonbelievers and those who lack spiritual maturity, the giving of money is done begrudgingly out of a sense of obligation. By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a "want to" rather than a "got to" give. We view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel through our money. Our giving expresses our gratitude for who God is and all that He has done for through His Son. Through faith, we hold onto our money loosely and then are privileged to experience the joy of giving as we give God our first and best. As Christians we understand that God has a claim on all that we have, so we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God's love. Money is an important tool for God's mission. Through our faithful giving, we are able to leverage our witnessing to all people.

Evangelism Committee

03 May 2021

1700 hrs.

ATTENDEES

- Jim and Gloria Harper, Pastor Kufahl, Marlene Rieck, Jan Nowers, Pat and Jan Gross, Lois Parnitzke, Gary Fawcett, and Jim Schmidt.

AGENDA

Old Business

Report from Pat and Jan:

- Cost for cake to serve at new member reception is \$50.00; ice cream cups is \$7.00 for eight (8) 2 oz cups. Paper plates and utensils are in kitchen area or will be donated. Gary Fawcett and Jan Nowers will be at the Welcome Center on May 23rd.
- **4th of July parade:**
- Marlene will follow through with public service announcement with newspaper.
- Pastor Kufahl will follow through with public service announcement with the local radio.
- Jim (H) will post flyers (notices) on community service bulletin boards throughout the city.
- Jim (H) will contact Mike N. at Trig's with the idea to use shopping carts for food item collection along the route during the parade. Jim & Gloria (H) will donate plastic bins to place in carts, to be exchanged to the trailer when full.
- Gloria (H) submitted the idea to have people walk only part of the parade route (relay style) so people won't have to walk the entire way.
- Jim (H) will contact Ron Ritzer for the trailer and driver for the parade.
- Our Savior has agreed to print the flyer for the parade notices.
- Flyers will be handed-out at Trig's and Pic n Save the Thursday and Friday before Memorial Day (27th & 28th), Jan (N) & Gary will be at Trig's on the 27th; Gary & Pat on the 28th. Jim (H) and Lois at Pic & Save on the 27th; Jim & Gloria (H) on the 28th. Hours are from 10 am to 2 pm.
- Flyers will be handed-out at Trig's and Pic and Save the Thursday and Friday before the 4th of July (1st & 2nd). Jan (N) and Gary at Trig's on the 1st; Jim & Gloria (H) at Pic n Save. **Help is needed for the 2nd of July at both places. Again, the hours are from 10 am to 2 pm.**

New Business

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- New DCE Intern reception ... August
- Senior Celebration.
- Next meeting for Board of Evangelism is June 28th.

Our Savior Lutheran Endowment Committee

Meeting Minutes May 5-2021

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Becky Pokrandt at 1:15 PM in the fellowship hall.

Members present were Pastor Kufahl, Barb, Patterson, Rick Steinke, and Becky Pokrandt.

Members not present were Al Barden, Pat Grosse, and Tim Kadlec

The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor followed by the treasurer's report.

Under old business, we reviewed the Lutheran Legacy Individual Designated Donor Fund program. With plenty of discussion, it was decided to set it aside for now and visit at a later date.

2021 Grant applications were reviewed for the Endowment Fund grant money disbursement. All applications were discussed in detail. A motion, by Rick Steinke and seconded by Barb Patterson, was passed unanimously to make a recommendation to the Council to accept the following:

- *Church Memorial Wall project (Ruth Steinke) \$2100.00

- *Luther's Small Catechism mission project in Japan (Connie Plisch) \$2000.00

Upon approval of the Church Council at their May meeting, these funds will be distributed accordingly.

The next meeting date will be determined in the coming months.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Steinke and seconded by Barb Patterson. Motion Carried.

The meeting closed with members reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

JUNE 2021

The meeting for June will be held on June 9th 2021 with the Board meeting starting at 10:30 followed by a light luncheon at 11:30 and the general membership meeting starts at 12 noon or a little later. Lois Parnitzke and Donna Liedtke will be our hostesses.

We have decided to combine Christian Life with a Bible study. Currently we are studying the women of the bible. Because I was unable to attend the May meeting, I'm not sure who is presenting the Bible study at this meeting.

As a reminder we will discuss our fundraisers for this year. The salad/card luncheon will be held in September this year. We have to pick a date yet. The other fundraiser will be our Harvest Dinner. Another event we are hosting is the Fall Rally for LWML. The date for this is October 14. This is a day long event, and all women of the church and men are invited. Come meet other women from LWML who belong to the churches in Zone 5. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a great luncheon prepared by our very own women of the Martha Society. Watch for more news in future newsletters about the above events.

Teri Kressin

President

Martha Society

April 28th, 2021

To our Friends and Family at Our Savior Lutheran Church,

We would like to express our great thanks for the love, kindness, and support you have shown our family during this time of great need. We feel so blessed that God has brought us such loving and compassionate people in our lives. We are so grateful God has brought us great people from both past and present to walk beside us to keep us strong! Through our journey of the past two years, which brought us to the Vilas County area, God has guided us to a great new church family at Our Savior Lutheran. God has also found it with in his plan to have us move a few doors down from our pastor and his family! God is great in-deed! Pastor Kufahl and his family have become great family friends and we do not know where we would be without them by our sides these past few months.

We Praise God our family escaped without harm and were able to be together on that night to support each other. We have been overwhelmed by so many different emotions the past 2 months. The outreach from our family and friends has been the most overwhelming to digest. We are not used to being on the receiving end of the outpouring of generosity like this from both friends and family. It has grown difficult to try and reach out to each of you individually to show our gratitude for your generosity. We would like to thank each of you who supported us in any way. We would like to convey a special thankyou to Marlene Rieck for all her efforts that went above and beyond. We would also like to convey a special thank you for all who contributed to making meals for our family during our time of need. We ask for your continued prayers as we know it is the most important and powerful tool that we hold. Please know we will be praying for all of you as well. We remember the night of the fire, saying a prayer as a family to God for how blessed we felt that all of us escaped together uninjured. There could have been so many scenarios where we would have been apart on any given night, but God guided us all to be together during that night. Thanks be to God!

As many of you have heard our home and our contents were a total loss. We feel the need to spotlight Matthew and Ellie as the greatest gifts from God in our lives. Their selfless and grateful attitudes during this time of crisis in our lives has been very humbling. We would like to thank everyone God brought into their lives to help guide them to be the individuals they are today. Since that night until this day Matthew and Ellie have endured so many ups and downs but continue to stand strong. We cannot imagine being their age and losing all those items both big and small. Other than the normal brother and sisterly love that SHINES from time to time, they have not complained about losing "things". They seem so grateful for just simply being together as a family.

God is Great! God is Great indeed!

A renewed thank you for all the great people God has brought into our lives!

God Bless!

The Wilson family,

Matt, Katy, Matthew, Ellie, & Brinkley too!



June Birthdays

3	Brett Mai Carol Johnson Nicole Mai	17	Beverly Ginnow Madelyne Duval
4	Diane Kentala Mara Rothenbach	18	Grayson Lea Marianne Braun
5	Roger Anderson	19	Rick Campbell
6	Barbara Moak Lauren Cross Sue Ziegler	20	Donna Timm Gloria Harper
7	Wallace Oswald	21	Bonnie Fischer
9	Richard Pluedeman	22	Sandy Wiedenbauer
10	Mark Lauber Terrance Luebke	23	Alan Geoffroy Emily Sauer
12	Kathleen Mackin	24	Jay Braun
13	Elizabeth Schmidt Vicki Holewinski	25	Kenneth Moak
14	Marvin Jarvis Sandra Apfel	27	Chris Jost
15	Amelia Husing	28	Haylei Frank Jake Campbell
16	Keith Kentala Taylor Gensler Terry Tryggeseth	29	Katrina Kadlec
		30	Jessica Kadlec Nancy Anderson

June Anniversaries

1	Dave & Cindy Watts	19	Peter & Amy Kufahl
4	Jennifer & Christopher Frank Robert & Sharon Bauer	21	James & Jan Thomas
6	Jack & Michelle Klotz Robert & Carol Johnson	23	Zachary & Alicia Otto
7	Perry & Rebekah Pokrandt	24	Jeff & Carla Mueller
9	Chuck & Nancy Atwater	26	Bill & Karen Hassey Martin & Kim Sauer
11	Robert & Christine Hopp	27	David & Miriam Karll
13	Thomas & Kathleen Mackin	Richard & Karen Behrens	
14	Mark & Dawn Lauber	28	Larry & Kathy Mortimer Robert & Jodi Popp
16	Roger & Carol Pluedeman	29	Daniel & Loriann Scafaro

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	2 9am Aging with Grace	3 9am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	4 Office Closed	5 7am Men's Bible Study 9am VBS Craft Day 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
6 9am Sunday Worship 10am Sunday Adult Bible Study	7	8 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	9 9am Aging with Grace 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha Meeting 6:30pm Elders Meeting	10 9:30am Quilters	11 Office Closed	12 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening
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<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
June 5 7:00 PM Communion	Jim Bonson	Dick Cherney Debbie Holewinski		Debbie Holewinski	
June 6 9:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Bob Johnson		Jan Toivonen	Camera:
June 12 7:00 PM	Dick Cherney	Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Kris Secord	Jackie Pearce Camera:
June 13 9:00 AM Communion	Ron Hagen	Pat Grosse Jan Grosse Tim Forss		Marianne Braun	
June 19 7:00 PM Communion	Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank Bob Merz		Bonnie Jozowski	Lynn Parker
June 20 9:00 AM	Pat Grosse	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter		Sue Kurth	Vicki Holewinski Camera:
June 26 7:00 PM	Art Granat	Del Keup Jim Bonson		Mary Malinsky	Jackie Pearce Camera:
June 27 9:00 AM Communion	Keith Kentala	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth		Rick Behrens	Vicki Holewinski

IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!