

July 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.



July Memory Verse

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Upcoming Events:

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

July 19th - 22nd 9:00 am - 12:00
The Incredible Race VBS

July 22nd @ 11:30 am
VBS closing program followed by lunch



From the Pastor's Desk

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In a few days we will be celebrating along with our fellow Americans the 4th of July; the birth of our nation with our forefathers declaration of independence from British tyranny. The cry for independence lies within the very core of our being. We desire to be free from what we individually or socially decide is unreasonable, oppressive, and unfair rule. So when we encounter something that we feel is unjust in our world, the battle is on.

Some are willing to fight while others will keep their opinions to themselves in order to avoid confrontation. It becomes easy to view any opposition as "the enemy," who is uneducated, close-minded, liberal/conservative, and in desperate need of changing beliefs or face social destruction. This is usually followed by a similar mindset of majority rule, that the side with the greatest amount of votes is not only declared the winner, but is also socially and morally correct. And it never hurts if you can get a few Hollywood celebrities on your side.

As baptized Christians, we know the fight for independence all too well. In truth, we should know this fight better than any social group that is in our world today. While the majority of social/political struggles continues for a time and then fades away, the Christian's battle for independence is daily until we close our eyes in death (or Christ returns). The old Adam rears its ugly head within us and screams for independence from God's rule, and we then rebel in thought, word, and action in sin.

As Christians, we are led by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge that there is One who is far greater than any court of man. The judge of the living and the dead cannot be influenced by popular vote or be declared unworthy because He does not live up to our expectations of what the populous thinks holy should be. The Lord alone is God, whether we acknowledge Him to be or not. It is He who declares all men (and women) independent sinners apart from Him. Yet in His great love for His creation, God sent His only begotten Son to take our sin and die in order that we can be declared forgiven and reunited to Him in Holy Baptism.

Our world and society wishes to declare what is socially good, right, and acceptable, while the Word of God is only viewed as an ancient moral myth. But let's take a quick look at that Word: **Romans 12:2-3** *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

As forgiven children of the heavenly Father, you and I are called to follow; not the ways of the world or the independent desires of our hearts. We are called to follow our Savior... to acknowledge the holiness of His Word, to strive to follow the Lord's commands, and to admit when we fall far short of His goal. We need a Savior, and this world with all of its smooth talk and popular vote cannot offer the real Savior that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Until the day of our Savior's return, the devil, the world, and your sinful self is going to try and bully you into striving for independence from the Lord. Take heart for the Good News of a Savior has been given to you! May we be forever dependent upon Him alone and independent of the ways of this World. Heavenly Father, forgive us and turn our independence from You and Your Word into dependence. Amen.

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 & Science**
 - **Globe-trotting Games**
 - **Runway Café, Snack Time**
 - **Daily Drama**



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

SUPPORT

VILAS FOOD PANTRY



Eagle River, Wisconsin

4th of July Parade

**Bring nonperishable items
and place in wagons/carts
along the parade route or trailer
on Wall and 3rd Street.**

Cash donations accepted.

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Elders Meeting – June 9, 2021

Agenda:

1. Opening devotion
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes
3. Worship service discussion:
 - a. Offering plates
 - b. Rail communion
 - c. Common cup
4. DCE Intern housing update
5. Delinquent member discussion
 - a. Letter
 - b. Follow-up plan of action
6. General discussion items (as needed)
7. Closing

Notes:

- Pastor opened with a devotion from Corinthians.
- Prior months meeting minutes approved. Motion by Pat, second by Jim.
- Sunday worship service was discussed as we continue to emerge from the pandemic. In-service offerings will continue to be collected via the collection box in the narthex. Rail communion will return at the end of June with individual cup only. Reintroduction of the common cup will be discussed in the fall.
- DCE intern Andrew will be commissioned at Our Savior on Sunday, August 1. Housing for Andrew continues to be explored with no firm decision yet.
- Delinquent members have been contacted via letter from Pastor. Elders will directly reach out to each by the end of June. Further discussion on this matter at the July elders meeting.
- Pastor conducted several shut-in visits over the past month.
- Circuit news: Vacancies at Rock of Ages (Minocqua) and Peace (Arbor Vitae) have been filled. Installation services scheduled for July 11 and July 18 respectively. Pastor will attend both installations.
- Pastor spoke with the camp counselors at Camp Luther regarding Missouri Synod doctrinal practices.
- Motion to adjourn and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Thursday 6/03/21 – 7:00pm @ Church

In Attendance: Rick, Carol, Lynn, Sue, Marlene, Pastor

MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Pastor led with prayer)
2. Review minutes from April 2021 Meeting (Emailed to all, Lynn motioned, Sue 2nd, passed unanimously)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick will email if there are any discrepancies. Tabled until next meeting)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Pastor updated about the Lord of the Rings Study. Confirmation was really great, with good response from parents and students. Lots of thanks to all the helpers! Info coming out for NYG next summer in Houston, TX)
6. Old business Items:
 1. Confirmation Reception (Communicate more with the families to ensure more families are there. More 1st year confirmation students and families helping serve the confirmands)
 2. DCE INTERN (Andrew is ready and raring to go! He will be joining us Aug 1st.)
 3. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY (Rick will make an announcement June 11th, 12th)
7. New Business:
 1. High School Grad Plans (Cards and gifts to be handed out by Carol on June 6th, all board members signed cards.)
 2. VBS: The Incredible Race (Marlene covered in her children's report)
 3. Memorial Wall (Good conversation and ideas were explored. The board sent our recommendations back with Pastor.)
8. Next meeting: July meeting need TBD
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Board of Evangelism

07 June 2021/ 5:00 pm

ATTENDEES

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

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Discussion on the first two days of distributing pamphlets for the July 4th parade food drive.

New Business

- Board was informed of the purchase of a popcorn popper from the Conover Fire Dept., with the help of Jim Bonson. Will follow up with Jim for pickup and delivery.
- Requested help for volunteers to help setup and decorate the float for the parade. Volunteers can be from the congregation, also. Volunteers will meet at Otto's Garage on July 3rd at 9:00 am. Volunteers who wish to participate in the parade, should be at Otto's Garage at 10:00 am on July 4th.
- Volunteers to participate, to this date are:
- The Wilson family
- Jan Nowers
- Jim & Gloria Harper
- Pat & Jan Gross
- The signs for the parade from Hahn's Printing have been previewed and ordered.
- Discussed having a welcome reception for our new Intern Andrew, for August 1st.
- Second distribution of pamphlets for the July 4th parade and food drive is set to take place on Thursday July 1st and Friday July 2nd. Gary Fawcett and Jan Nowers will be at Trig's, and Jim and Gloria Harper will be at Pic & Save on Thursday, and Jim Harper and Pat or Jan Gross on Friday.
- Discussed the possibility of additional evangelical outreach to local events. Some events discussed were: A booth at the Eagle River Farmers market, A booth at the race track events, visits to our "shut-in", and participation with supplying homemade baked goods for the counselors at Camp Luther

Giving a Cup of Cold Water

During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent much time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did He send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord.

In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to His disciples, said, *"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."* Jesus told His disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to Him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself.

As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, He refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we all are given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors. May God bless us all as we work to further His kingdom.

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

JULY 2021

Happy 4th of July! Hope you make it to the parade and bring your non-perishable goods for the Vilas Food Pantry and enjoy the parade and the fireworks! Please be safe.

The meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14. The Board meeting starts at 10:30 with lunch served at 11:30 and the general membership meeting starting at 12 noon. Jan Toivonen and Miriam Gillman will be our hostesses.

We will announce the scholarship winners at our meeting. The deadline is July 1st for turning in applications and so far, we've received only one.

Our salad luncheon/card party will be announced for the date in September. We will start getting posters and tickets run off for distribution. Donna Liedtke and Lois Parnitzke are co-chairs and will distribute sign up sheets for food items.

We also thought about having a pancake breakfast at the VFW as a fundraiser. Carol Johnson will contact Denny.

The LWML national convention will be held in Milwaukee in 2023 and work has started on it already. Not sure of our role yet. We have work to do for our rally to be held on October 14. Please come for the rally! You will be so glad you do.

At our next meeting we will study "Ruth" as one of the women in the bible. Pastor asked us if we would donate cookies or bars for a Camp Luther staff meeting. We did it for June 25. Karla L., Diana S., Donna L., and myself volunteered to make some.

See you in July. We had 3 new members join in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Kressin,

President

Martha Society



July Birthdays

3	Nancy Cameron	16	Cole Crum
4	Chuck Healy		Miriam Karl
5	Lois Parnitzke	17	Ezekiel Ross
7	Linda Stenschke	18	Curtis Hare
9	Eunice Ball	20	Tim Cross
	Ruth Steinke	21	Bill Hassey
10	David Parker		Hannah Kadlec
	Patrick Grosse		James Harper
11	John Apfel	22	Ann Mai
	Sawyer Otto		Megan Ritzer
13	Brad Anderson	23	Richard Cherney
14	Donn Gauger	25	Kelvin Lindbom
	Janice Grosse	26	Dan Sauvola
	Jan Toivonen	28	Priscilla Ellenberger
	Wayne Campbell	29	Larry Steckling
15	Vicki Holewinski		Mark Olson
			Skip Plisch

July Anniversaries

1	Chad & Randee Smith	11	Skip & Connie Plisch
	Richard & Ruth Steinke	22	Andrew & Priscilla Ellenberger
2	David & Lynn Parker		Scott & Nicole Lea
	Stewart & Pamela Jackson	25	Mark & Karen Olson
3	Don & Diane Schoessow	28	John & Shirley Priefer
10	Joseph & Nancy Steinhage		Todd & Brenda Otto

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9am Sunday Worship/Communion 10am Sunday Adult Bible Study	28 5pm Evangelism Meeting	29 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	30 9am Aging with Grace	1 9:30am Quilters	2 Office Closed	3 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
4 8am Sunday Worship 11am Parade	5	6 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	7 9am Aging with Grace	8 9:30am Quilters	9 Office Closed	10 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>
July 3 7:00 PM Communion	Dick Cherney	Dick Cherney Debbie Holewinski		Debbie Holewinski	
July 4 8:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Bob Johnson		Rick Behrens	
July 10 7:00 PM	Jim Bonson	Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Pat Crum	
July 11 9:00 AM Communion	Ron Hagen	Pat Grosse Jan Grosse Tim Forss		Priscilla Ellenberger	
July 17 7:00 PM Communion	Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis Bob Merz		Kris Secord	
July 18 9:00 AM	Pat Grosse	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter		Diane Kuntz	
July 24 7:00 PM	Art Granat	Del Keup Jim Bonson		Bonnie Jozwowski	
July 25 9:00 AM Communion	Gary Fawcett	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth		Sue Kurth	
IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!					