

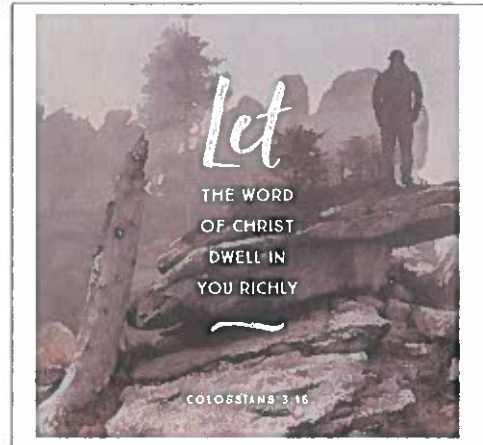
October 2021 Newsletter

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.



October Memory Verse

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3:16

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Upcoming Events:

October 3rd ~ LWML Sunday

Monday, October 11th ~ 9:00 am

"Be Prepared for When Your Health Takes a Turn"

Wednesdays, October 13th, 20th, 27th @ 6:00 pm Faith
Legacy Picture Bible & First Bible Sessions for
Parents/Grandparents

Wednesday, October 27th ~ 7:00 pm

"Be Prepared for When Your Health Takes a Turn"

Sunday, October 31st

Reformation Sunday

Trunk or Treat ~ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



From the Pastor's Desk

October 2121 Newsletter

Every year on Halloween, children are excited to get dressed up as princesses, superheroes, ghosts, goblins, and anything else their creativity can produce, to go out into the world and receive with open sacks the treats that are there for the taking. And the taking is always good! There is no asking (like that jolly, old elf) if you have been naughty or nice, the treats are always ready for all who trick or treat. From house to house, parking lots, stores, and even nursing homes, everyone is ready to give out the goods. But you have to know the secret... you have to know where to go... to the homes where the porch light is on.

Before that rule was put into effect, I would remember going from house to house with my father, and standing on the doorstep of a home and waiting. Waiting to see if someone would come and add to my slowly growing candy collection. My expectations were high! But I could not force the homeowners to give me candy they did not have. So if nobody came to the door, I walked away empty handed.

In Matthew chapter 7, Jesus instructs, *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."*

How often have you knocked on God's door in prayer with your bag opened, as you awaited Him to fill your bag with the greatest of goods? A good test score? Healing for someone you love or yourself? A better paying job or winning the lottery? Maybe just being happy. The list of good possibilities are endless! But... He never shows up, and our bags are empty.

Was He even home? Did He run out of treats? Or is He just watching from behind the curtain for us to leave? None of them leave us feeling good. It is as if we have been lied to. We have been told that if we ask, it will be given to us; seek, we will find; knock, and it will be opened. We do the "work," but nothing happens! At one time or another, we have all been left standing there, waiting for God to fill our bags with good things, but nothing happens. What are we to think?

Yet, were we paying attention to the little things? To recognize the signs that are there? To seek the Lord where He may be found, and call upon Him when He is near?

Jesus declares in John 8:31-32, *"If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* It is from God's Word that we begin to know Him and His will. It is from God's Word that we come to the knowledge of what He wants for us and what He has to give to us as He also teaches us to pray, *"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*

When we come before our Lord, we may have a full costume on as we try to hide who we really are from Him. But He knows. He knows who is taking you from house to house, and He knows what you need: *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control* (Galatians 5:22-23), and don't forget forgiveness. These are treats that are more than just a 5 second sugar rush, but true gifts that overfill your bag that last for an eternity. May these gifts fill you up today and forevermore. Amen.

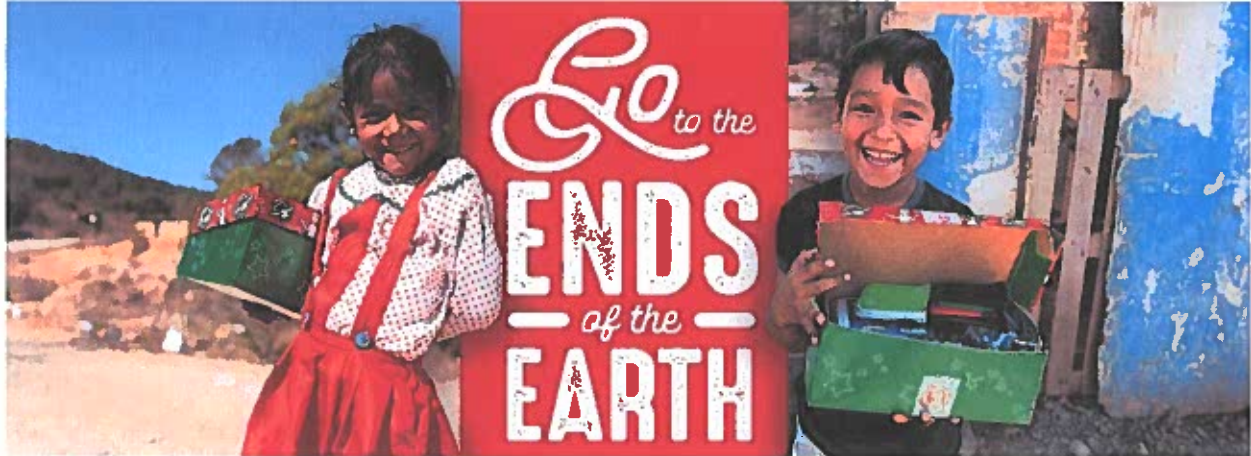
Why Planning Ahead Matters

We are good at planning most aspects of our lives. We plan where to live, weddings, where our children will go to school, careers and a multitude of other life decisions. We take out life insurance to ensure that if anything happens to us prematurely our families will be cared for. We buy health insurance to ensure that if medical issues arise, we can afford to pay for treatment for ourselves and our families, and we pay for home insurance in case something unexpected happens to our home.

So, why do we fail to plan for one of the most important aspects of our life, our aging and the possibility of our health taking a sudden decline, disability or certainty of death? Why do we fail to consider how not planning adversely impacts our children, spouses and families? Ambiguity about wishes and not being prepared can cause conflict between family members. Come learn a few simple things you can do to give you and your loved ones peace of mind.

- Why is it important to have advanced directives? What are YOUR wishes? What should your family know?
- Why reviewing all the "important paperwork" can save you time and money.
- What options are there when you or a loved one needs more help?
- What are the differences between home health, hospice, private caregiving, assisted living and nursing homes.
- How can planning your funeral now avoid unnecessary stress?

If you are unable to attend but would like more information about these topics, please email oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**Pack a shoe box with gifts and share God's love with a child!
Filled boxes are due **Sunday, November 14th****

Pray: Please pray for the children that receive our gifts that they may come to know Jesus as their Savior.

Give items to pack: Bring school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, and new toys for our packing party! Our party will take place on **Wednesday, November 10th, at 6 pm.** Come for supper & a great time as we pack shoe boxes with all our gathered gifts!

Give monetary offerings: \$9 will cover the cost of shipping one box.

Pack a box at home and bring it to church: Pick up directions on how to pack a shoe box and shop & pack on your own or with your family. You can use your own shoe box or pick up a box at church. Don't forget \$9 for shipping. You can also build a box online for \$25!



Thank you for your gifts of love!



Join us
For
Trunk or
Treat!!



Sunday,
October 31st
3:00pm - 5:00pm

In the parking lot of
Our Savior Lutheran Church

- Popcorn
- Family Fun

Our Savior Lutheran Church

223 Silver Lake Road

Eagle River, Wisconsin

Humble Stewards

As stewards, we are the recipients and caretakers of God's goodness, love, mercy, and grace. Stewards are managers of God's creation. We acknowledge God as the owner; therefore, we are to act not as owners but as managers because our lives and resources are simply on loan from Him.

The book of Daniel gives an account of a man who failed to recognize God as Creator and provider and exalted himself. King Nebuchadnezzar, walking on the roof of "his" royal palace, surveying "his" kingdom, was overcome by pride as he announced, "*Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty*" (Daniel 4:30)? He thought he was asking a rhetorical question, but God condemned him to live like an animal as a consequence of his pride.

Pride is destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all His kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Pride has no place in the life of a servant. First Peter 5:6 reads, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that He may lift you up in due time." It is God alone Who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ Himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled Himself, should we not follow His example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled Himself, God exalted Him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: "*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him*" (Psalm 8:3-4)? The inference is that we are insignificant, yet David goes on to remind us of what we can be proud: "*You made [us] ruler over the works of Your hands; You put everything under [our] feet.*"

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. In the words of Martin Luther, humility is the decision to "let God be God". We are stewards through humility. We are to honor Him with what we have, what we are, and what He will make of us.

Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 16, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Pastor Kufahl – opening devotion and prayer
3. Roll call taken by attendance sheet: Andrew Kaufmann, Rick Behrens, Becky Pokrandt, Rick Steinke, Marlene Rieck, Bill Hassey, Pastor Kufahl, Tim Kadlec, Jean Walker
4. Minutes from July 29, 2021 Motion to accept made by Rick B. Second by Bill H. Passed
5. Treasurer report: Submitted by Reach & Schwaiger. Motion to accept made by Bill H. Second by Rick B. Passed
6. Pastor Kufahl's report – Fall schedule has begun. Confirmation started last night. New member Sunday coming up, about 38 new members.
7. President's remarks – Everything still going well. Welcome to Andrew.
8. Staff reports: Marlene – written reports submitted. Rally day was great. Music program is getting back in the swing. Andrew – High school planning was on Sunday, had a good turnout. WOW starts next week. Things are going well. Elders - Keith cannot be here tonight. Delinquent members, working on that. New elders' robes have arrived. Rick B, Christian Ed – written report submitted. Talking about events to do (family potluck, escape room), always looking for new members on the board. Bill H, Trustees – Change. We will be updating the sanctuary: new lighting, painting, brighten everything up. Evangelism, no one here from the board. Working on Trunk or Treat, ordered two heaters for outside, new member reception coming up. Stewardship – Rick S, not the head, new member. Need new members on the board. Pastor spoke with someone that may have ideas for stewardship and to get new members on the board. Several ideas were discussed in getting new board members. Endowment, Becky P. – written report submitted. A card was received from the catechism translation in Japan, Becky passed it around.
9. Old business:
 - a. Photo directory update – everything has been ordered, waiting for items to be delivered
 - b. Security update – we've been looking into options, talking to our insurance company of our options
 - c. Stewardship - no update at this time, still looking for new members
 - d. Parent Hub – no update as of now, still in the research phase
10. New Business:
 - a. Altar Guild – meeting this Saturday at 10:00. Have not had anyone to head this for the last 3 years. Need someone to step in that role. Marlene and Jean have been filling in but help is needed. More members are needed as well as someone to head the group. Issues with the candles.
 - b. Ushers – new usher manual has been written by Pat Grosse. More ushers needed.
11. Letters/communications: Our Savior has been included in Larry Merritt's trust, no idea at this time of the amount
12. Next council meeting: Monday, November 15, 2021 7:00
Next Voters Meeting: Sunday December 5, 2021 after late service

Motion to adjourn by Bill H. Second Becky P. Adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Walker
Council Secretary

Elders Meeting – September 8, 2021

Agenda:

1. Opening devotion
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes
3. Delinquent member action
4. New member acceptance and reception
5. Usher schedule discussion; communion and non-communion services
6. Shut-in visits
7. Open discussion/new business
8. Closing

Notes:

- Pastor opened with prayer.
- Prior months meeting minutes approved as presented.
- Elders voted to approve removal of several members from Our Savior due to self-exclusion. Gary motioned, Ron seconded. Pastor will send a letter notifying these members of their removal.
- Discussion around shut ins.
- New member acceptance and reception planned for the last Sunday in September.
- Usher scheduling discussed. We will utilize one usher for non-communion Sundays and two ushers for communion Sundays. This will begin in October and moving forward.
- Altar guild discussion. Need to have a new leader of this group.
- Motion to adjourn accepted. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Thursday 9/9/21 – 6:30pm @ Church

In Attendance: Rick Behrens, Sue Kurth, Marlene Rieck, Pastor Kufahl, Andrew Kaufmann

MEETING AGENDA (MINUTES IN PARENTHESIS)

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Devotional by Pastor)
2. Review minutes from August 2021 meeting (Motioned to accept by Sue, 2nd by Rick. Passed unanimously.)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Tabled until next meeting due to no updated spreadsheet)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (See Andrew's report for more info)
6. Old business Items:
 1. Rally Day this Sunday
 - 2.
7. New Business:
 1. Other family time ideas to get families together for fellowship and games (Maybe potluck?) outside of the Faith Legacy nights. Possibly Wed Nov. 17th 6-7pm. Possibly another bible "escape room" type activity)
 2. Recruiting new people is ALWAYS on our business docket
8. Next meeting: Thursday October 7, 2021 @ 6:30pm
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Evangelism Committee

13 September 2021

5:00 pm

ATTENDEES

- Jim and Gloria Harper, Marlene Rieck, Pat & Jan Grosse, Gary Fawcett, Andrew, Jim Schmidt, Pastor Kufahl, Jan Nowers and Louis Parnitzke.

AGENDA

- New member welcome
- Trunk-or-Treat

New Business

New member welcome

September 26th new member banquet/welcome discussed. Hold after 10:00 am service. Jan Gross will get another cake (full sheet) for the event. We have enough ice cream for previous events. Gloria will make the name tags and set up the welcome table. Gary will put together folders with the necessary information for the new members.

★ Trunk-or-Treat

Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Jim & Gloria will get the popcorn and paper bags. We will also be serving hot chocolate and apple juice/cider. There will be a table set-up outside, as in the past. Will need 15 flyers for the community, to announce the event. They will be distributed by the Grosses and the Harpers. Pastor Kufahl will prepare the radio announcement and will also get a patio heater for the attendees.

★ Veterans Recognition

Veterans' recognition event will take place on November 14, 2021, with announcements in the bulletin and by the Pastor during the services. Gift cards will be purchased and gifted to the veterans as a token of our appreciation for their sacrifice and service.

★ Harvest Table

The Fall Harvest table will be set-up again during the month of November. There will be a collection of non-perishable food items and a container for monetary donation for those wishing to donate money.

★ Next meeting of the Evangelism Committee is October 4, 2021.

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2021

Our next meeting is October 13. The Board meets at 10:30 with the luncheon at 11:30 followed by the general membership meeting at 12 noon. The hostesses will be the Board. Luncheon will be pizza, salad, and dessert. We have a lot going on in the next couple months. First of all I want to thank everyone who attended the SALAD/CARD PARTY. We had a record number of 94 attendees. Thank you, Martha Ladies, for all the food you made, the work you did, and the fun we had doing it.

Our first event for October will be LWML Sunday when we display some of the 190 quilts that will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief to be used wherever they are needed. We have already donated some quilts and blankets to Fort McCoy for the Afghan refugees. We also sent some blankets. There is so much need in our country let alone the world. Everything we raise from our fund raisers will go to support the missions, of which there are many. We will also have mites for muffins for coffee hour. Information is in your bulletin. Save your change or dollar bills for mites.

The next big event we have is our LWML Rally which we're hosting on October 14. This is an all-day affair, and the cost is only \$8 for a continental breakfast, lunch, and a chance to listen to what's happening in our zone, district, and state wide. It's open for all women and even men. Plan on joining us for a great day of Christian fellowship. Our gift of the heart is Chickadee Farms and are monetary donations. After our August meeting several of our members toured the farm and were so impressed how they work with the physically and cognitively disabled adults in our communities. Our own Donna Liedtke will be our speaker on "THE BEST IS YET TO COME!" If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Teri Kressin.

Thanks to our members and our church for all the support. God bless each and everyone,

Teri Kressin

President

Martha Society



October Birthdays

1	Rosalie Ross	15	John Anderson
3	Harmen Marien		Russell Klein
	Titus Ross	18	Susan Getzel
4	Raymond Rubin	20	Jean Shafranski
5	Maleea Eggleston		Liz Rehorst
6	Jon Stenschke	21	Elaina Mugnaini
	Rebekah Pokrandt		Ronald Ritzer
8	Ann Eno	24	Sharon Benda
	Roger Klein	25	Kristy Secord
10	Richard Voss	26	Isabella Stenschke
11	Jacob Husing		Jeff Mueller
	Rhett Olson	31	Jennifer Kasmarek
12	Andrew Kaufmann		
	Shelly Sauvola		

October Anniversaries

3	Craig & Jane Butler	16	Keith & Diane Kentala
	Fred & Sandy Wiedenbauer		Patrick & Melissa Crum
7	Ronald & Paula Hagen	22	Kenneth & Barbara Moak
8	Brian & Sonya Kube	23	Jim & Sue Schmidt
11	John & Kimberlie Eggleston	24	Jerry & Sue Kurth
15	Roger & Karla Klein		

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 7am Men's Bible Study
3 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	4 6pm HCPA Meeting	5 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm JuBELLation 7:15pm Choir	6 4pm W.O.W. 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm Youth Group	7 9:30am Quilters	8 Office Closed	9 7am Men's Bible Study
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<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
October 3 7:30 AM Communion	Dick Cherney	Debbie Holewinski Bob Johnson	Kris Secord	Kris Secord	
Acolyte:					
October 3 10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Dave Parker Lynn Parker	Dsve & Lynn Parker	Rick Behrens	Camera:
Acolyte:					
October 10 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Bob Merz	Kris Secord	Mary Malinsky	Vicki Holewinski
Acolyte:					Camera:
October 10 10:00 AM Communion	Keith Kentala	Pat Grosse Jan Grosse Tim Forss	Joan Holdmann	Marianne Braun	
Acolyte:					
October 17 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank	Robin Nikolaus	Vicki Holewinski	
Acolyte:					
October 17 10:00 AM	Gary Fawcett	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Dawn Shantz	Priscilla Ellenberger	Camera:
Acolyte:					
October 24 7:30 AM	Art Granat	Jim Bonson	Robin Nikolaus	Bonnie Jozowski	Jackie Pearce
Acolyte:					Camera:
October 24 10:00 AM Communion	Ron Hagen	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Joan Holdmann	Sue Kurth	
Acolyte:					

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

October 31	7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Marv Jarvis Jim Harper	Kris Secord	Sue Frank	
Communion						Camera:
Acolyte:						
October 31	10:00 AM	Pat Grosse	Rick Behrens Karen Behrens	Dawn Shantz	Cindy Gauger	
Communion						
Acolyte:						