

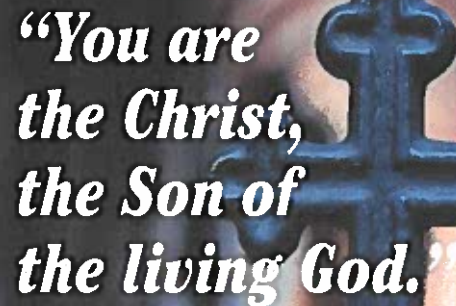
November 2021 Newsletter

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.



***“You are
the Christ,
the Son of
the living God.”***

November Memory Verse

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Matthew 16:16

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Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 7th ~ 11:15 - 2:00
Martha Society Harvest Dinner

Wednesday, November 10th ~ 6:00 pm
OCC Packing Party

Wednesday, November 17th ~ 6:00 pm
Church Potluck

Wednesday, November 24th ~ 7:00 pm
Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Communion
Dessert Social following the service



From the Pastor's Desk

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Colossians 2:6-7 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

The sight of cargo ships off of the western coast of these United States has been quite unbelievable lately. Hundreds of vessels filled with consumer stuff, just floating there, waiting for the opportunity to bring their wares to be unloaded onto trucks and carried to various distribution facilities in order that you and I can continue to live a "normal" life. The frustration is growing on so many fronts! The captains of these ships want to unload and return to get more stuff. The stores are desperate to get the stuff. The president is even worried that the holiday spending numbers will be down because of the lack of stuff. All this stuff is out there, with the desire to get it into your hands... but something is keeping it from coming to you. This is a lot of fuss over stuff.

As consumers, we do not like the idea of having to wait to get our "stuff." Think of how frustrated you may get when you have to wait. Maybe it is for service at a restaurant. Maybe it is for something you ordered that is taking extra long to get to you. Maybe it is the time spent waiting in the waiting room in the doctor's office or a red light. We know what is coming, but when something is hindering its arrival how frustrating it all is!

I suppose that we have every right to be frustrated with God then as well. After all, He declares that He is coming back to put an end to sin, death, and the power of the devil. The promise is there that when He returns, our loved ones who have died in the faith will be risen to live again. The promise is there that heaven will be amazing! There are all these amazing things just waiting to come to us! But something is holding them back.

Maybe it is that we are not being good enough at keeping God's Word. Maybe we are not working hard enough to give everybody the opportunity to hear God's Good News of Jesus. Maybe our world and the people here are too far beyond saving.

When we think of God's relationship with us like that of a financial market, it is all the more easy for us to be upset with Him for what He is NOT giving us. Because our focus is on what we DON'T have... we forget to see what we do have.

What are the blessings God gives you each day? Blessings that you do not have to wait for? Each day, God blesses us with the opportunity to hear His Word and by faith, believe in His promises. Each day, God provides us with our "daily bread" that we can not only receive with thanksgiving, but share it with people around us. Each day God reminds us that He sent His only begotten Son to die in order that we could be forgiven of our sins and have a right relationship with Him. Each day, God surrounds us with blessings of people, food, clothing, shelter, and so much more; He even opens our eyes to see that they come from Him!

Yes, when Jesus returns, many great things will be ours. But may we never forget or fail to see what great things God has given us yesterday and today, and how He promises to take care of us tomorrow. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Are You Prepared (Part 2)

In our first sessions, a great deal of things were given us to think about how we can help make things easier when our lives take a turn and extra care is needed. We learned that there are things we can do and forms we can fill out to help this process. On November 22 at 1:00 or 6:00 we will be hosting a time when you can come in and go over some of these forms with guidance from professionals in the field. This will be a time for you to get a better understanding of different types of Advanced Directives and what paperwork you should have prepared and accessible when the time comes. Please contact the church office with any questions you may have.



Operation Christmas Child

**Pack a shoe box with gifts &
share God's love with a child!**

Packing party Wednesday, November 10th!

Pray: Please pray for the children that receive our boxes 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 p.m.** Come for supper and 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 our display table at church. **Please return your box to church before Sunday, November 14th.** Thank you for your gifts of love!

Church Potluck:

Wednesday, Nov. 17th, 6 p.m.

**Bring a dish to share & enjoy time with
friends!**



Thanksgiving Worship:

Wednesday, Nov. 24th, 7 p.m.

Dessert Social after worship

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our first fundraiser for the LCMS Youth Gathering and servant event trips will be a trivia night on November 14th at 7pm! We will have categories ranging from the Bible to fun facts about the gathering. Each team can have up to 8 people. You can recruit team members beforehand or just team up with whoever is at your table on the night of the event. Prizes will be given out to the top teams. There will be an admittance fee of \$10 per adult. (Kids are free!) We will also sell snacks and take a free-will offering as well. Hope to see you there showing your support for our youth!



Board of Christian Education Meeting

Thursday 10/7/21 – 7:15pm @ Church

In Attendance: Rick Behrens, Carol Litchfield, Lynn Parker, Andrew Kaufman, Marlene Rieck, Pastor Kufahl

MEETING AGENDA (MINUTES IN PARENTHESIS)

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Pastor led Devo)
2. Review minutes from September 2021 meeting (E-mailed to all) (Motion by Lynn, 2nd Rick. Passed Unanimously)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Motioned to accept from Rick, 2nd by Carol. Passed Unanimously)
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. Trunk or Treat- October 31, 2021
 2. Other family time ideas to get families together for fellowship and games outside of the Faith Legacy nights. (Potluck on Wed Nov. 17th 6-7pm. With a bible "escape room" type activity. Planning is in the works!)
 3. Recruiting new people is ALWAYS on our business docket
7. New Business:
 1. TBA? (None to discuss)
8. Next meeting: Thursday November 11, 2021 @ 7pm? (TBD)
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Evangelism Board

October 4, 2021

ATTENDEES

Gary Fawcett, Jim Schmidt, Andrew Kaufmann, Pastor Kufahl, Pat & Jan Grosse, Marlene Rieck, Jim Harper.

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

Trunk-or-Treat...Apple juice and chocolate and bags bought; popcorn will be purchased; Jim H. will have article in the newspaper; flyers have been distributed.

Board will meet at 9:00 am on October 30th to pop and bag the popcorn.

New Business

November: Harvest table set-up for the month, will be picked up and taken to the food pantry on the 15th by Jim & Gloria, for distribution on Nov 16 & 17, and 23 & 24; All Saints Day recognition on Sunday the 7th; Veterans Day recognition will be on Sunday, November 14th. Letters to the veterans will be mailed out on the 8th, along with a gift card for Lucy's Lunch Box.

Discussed recruitment of new members for various boards/committees

Discussed conducting another Time & Talent survey

NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA

Budget for Evangelism Board.

Part of God's Plan

"In those days . . ." So begins a well-known passage of Scripture. Do you know what comes next? *"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree . . ."* (Luke 2:1). Some of us can quote the whole story by heart. Even though we've heard it year after year, some of us for many years, the story is still precious to hear, still warms our souls, still excites our minds, still calms our fears.

Two seemingly inconsequential people of little means obeyed that decree and traveled to the town of Bethlehem to register for the census. The woman, Mary, was about to have a child. She knew that her child was the Son of God, a child to be named Jesus. Joseph, her husband, knew he was not the father of the child, although that was how the world saw him. These were two of God's faithful. They knew the prophecies regarding the Messiah. They had been visited by the angel and learned that they were to be part of the fulfillment of those prophecies. They didn't know how things would turn out. They didn't know all that God had in store for them. They just *"obey[ed their] rulers and submitted to their authority"* (Hebrews 13:17) as they trusted God to guide and protect them and His Son each step they took on His path.

Of course, God did just that. He provided a place for the Child to be born (Luke 2:7). He sent angels to announce the birth of the King and moved the shepherds to respond to the joyful news and go to worship the new Baby (Luke 2:8-20). He sent *"Magi from the East"* who brought *"gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh"* and then believed the warning God gave them in a dream and avoided the evil King Herod on their return trip (Matthew 2:1-12).

How many of these people involved in this most wondrous story realized the important and memorable parts they played? We cannot say for sure but surmise none could really comprehend the eternal significance of the events as they unfolded.

We, too, are involved in God's plans. Certainly none can equal in importance the birth of Christ, but nothing God does is without purpose. Are we listening for the voice of the Spirit as He speaks to us through God's Word? Are we, as we go about our daily routines, obeying our rulers, cognizant of being God's feet and hands and voice to carry out His plan? Do we bring our gifts, aware that God may use them according to a purpose we can't even imagine? How exciting it is to think and know that we are God's instruments! What a loss of blessing to us if we refuse to let God use us and another gets the opportunity instead (Esther 4:14)!

As we live out our daily lives as stewards, *"let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith . . . so that we will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrews 12:2-3), but instead look forward with eagerness and anticipation toward the unfolding of God's plan in our lives.

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2021

Welcome to November, and the start of the HOLIDAY SEASONS! We are preparing for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Just an update regarding our LWML Rally, held here in October. 39 people attended with 2 pastors and one district representative. Our keynote speaker, Donna Liedtke gave a wonderful speech on "The Best is Yet to Come!" There were some tears shed. 6 out of the 8 churches in our zone were represented. The lunch was great and everyone received a bookmark cross, made by Judy Jousma, a notecard, made by Connie Plisch, and a treasure box with an angel inside. These were made by our zone president, Linda Pelot and another LWML member. It was a wonderful, sharing, and network of Christian men and women. Hoping everyone took something away from this Rally.

Onto our November Fundraiser. We are hosting a Harvest Dinner on Sunday, November 7. The cost is \$13.00 and the time will be 11:15-2:00 PM Ticket Sales have already started between and after the late service. Children under 8 years eat free. Look for the posters in the hallway into the Fellowship Hall for more information or you can ask Carol Johnson or Dawn Lauber.

Our next meeting is November 10. The Board will meet at 10:30 with a luncheon at 11:30, followed by a membership meeting at 12 noon. The hostesses are Dawn Shantz and Carol Johnson. Christian life will be presented by Jan Toivonen.

We will be discussing our Harvest Dinner. We also will be nominating for the offices of Vice-President and Secretary. We also will be signing up for the Cookie sale following the Christmas program.

Hoping everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and remember the blessings you have received.

Yours in Christ,

Teri Kressin

President



November Birthdays

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| 1 | Daryl George | 20 | Karen Behrens |
| 3 | EJ Apfel
Nathan Wiedenbauer | 21 | Dennis Gauger
Sawyer Lorenz |
| 5 | Ellie Wilson
Matthew Klein
Myles Goetter
Nancy Steinhage | 23 | Brian Kube
George Brunette |
| 6 | Diane Kuntz | 24 | Kayla Chaplin |
| 7 | Ron Patterson | 25 | Jacqueline Jansen
Jean Walker |
| 9 | Dan Marien | | John Priefer
Scott Messner |
| 12 | Walter Helein | 26 | Joan Holdmann |
| 15 | Mary Portlance | 27 | Ken Kuntz
Nicole Lea
Timothy Kadlec |
| 16 | Zachary Otto | | |
| 17 | Patrick Crum | 28 | Janette Wise |
| 19 | Elizabeth Oslakovich
Georgia Kolowith | 29 | Jodi Popp |

November Anniversaries

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| 4 | Dean & Miriam Gillman | 12 | Steve Meyer & Janet Nowers-Meyer |
| 9 | Glenn & Penny Finger | 25 | James & Gloria Harper
John & Bonnie Jozwowski |
| 11 | Timothy & Katrina Kadlec | | |

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 7am Men's Bible Study
7 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service 11:15am Harvest Dinner	8 5pm Evangelism Meeting	9 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm JuBELLation 7:15pm Choir	10 10am Endowment Meeting 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha Meeting 5:30pm Confirmation Class 6pm OCC Packing Party 7pm Elders Meeting 7pm Youth Group	11 9:30am Quilters 7:15pm Cantata Rehearsal	12 Office Closed	13 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>
November 7 7:30 AM Communion	Dick Cherney	Debbie Holewinski Bob Johnson		Debbie Holewinski	
Acolyte: Cole Crum					
November 7 10:00 AM	Jacob Husing	Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Jan Toivonen	Camera:
Acolyte: Samantha Ashenbrenner					
November 14 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Bob Merz		Bonnie Jozowski	Camera:
Acolyte: Matthew Klein					
November 14 10:00 AM Communion	Tim Kadlec	Pat Grosse Jan Grosse Tim Forss		Marianne Braun	
Acolyte: Ashton Boehm					
November 21 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank		Vicki Holewinski	
Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
November 21 10:00 AM	Keith Kentala	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter		Priscilla Ellenberger	Camera:
Acolyte: Christian Forss					
November 24 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Communion	Jacob Husing	Pat Grosse Jan Grosse			Camera:

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

November 28	7:30 AM	Art Granat	Jim Bonson	Kris Secord	
Acolyte: Cole Crum					Camera:
November 28	10:00 AM	Gary Fawcett	Grant Meyer	Rick Behrens	
Communion			Jerry Gifford		
Acolyte: Alex Gensch			Paul Kurth		