

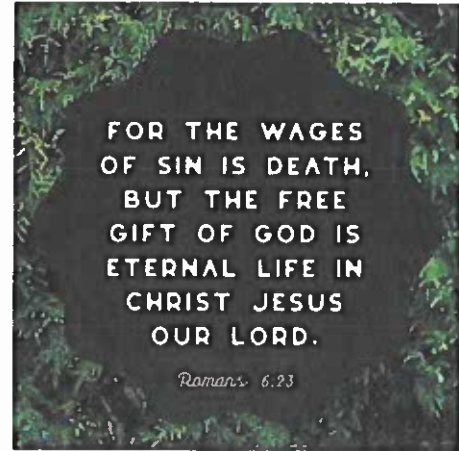
February 2022 Newsletter

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.



February Memory Verse

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of
God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Church Staff:

Peter Kufahl, Pastor
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Upcoming Events:

Ash Wednesday ~ March 2, 2022
Worship with Communion @ 4:30pm

Midweek Lenten Services
March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 @ 4:30pm



From the Pastor's Desk

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Did you catch Andrew doing the Hokey Pokey in worship on Sunday? As he shared with the children the joys of 1 Corinthians 12 and how awesome and important it is to be a part of the family of God, a lot of us giggled as he and the children "turned themselves around." The breakdown of how many parts of the body we can include in the Hokey Pokey could be very monotonous. We could go from putting the left hand in, to just our left pinky top knuckle in to shake all around before we move to the left pinky bottom knuckle and so on. If we are going to be that detailed in the singing of the Hokey Pokey, how long will it be before you get sick of it?

When we consider the Body of Christ, we are anything but *just* general body parts. Each one of us is fearfully and wonderfully made by the Creator of all things. We are unique and special with different interests and needs. Sure, we could be a part of a committee or group. But each one of us is much more than that. *You* are much more than that.

Yet it is still so easy for us as members of the Body of Christ to feel like we are just lumped into a bigger part. It is easy for us to feel like we are overlooked or not treated as a priority over other parts of the body. It feels that way... because it happens. Not intentionally. Not purposefully. Not deliberately. But it happens. And as your pastor, I am sorry.

There is no reason ANY member of the Body of Christ should feel like they are being overlooked. There is no reason ANY member of the Body of Christ should feel like their pastor is too busy for them. For EVERY member of the Body of Christ is someone whom Jesus died and rose again and is coming back for. YOU are someone whom Jesus died and rose again and is coming back for.

As your pastor, I am sorry if you have ever felt that way. It is far from my intent. But I know it happens. And so if you feel this way, I have a request; please, check in with me and our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Swing by the office. Drop me a call or a text. Send me a letter. Come to worship AND Bible class. You are an important part of this great Body of Christ. You are someone Jesus died for. You are loved.

In this day and age it is so easy to be just a number. Our congregation has changed greatly over the past few years, and so it is time again to put together a new church directory. As many of you have heard, we will be doing this a bit differently this time around. We will be taking a quick picture of you and your family at church on Sundays, not with a professional photographer, but with one of our members who enjoys taking pictures. We will be incorporating your picture with our church software, which you will have password protected access to, if you so desire. There will also be available limited printed copies as well.

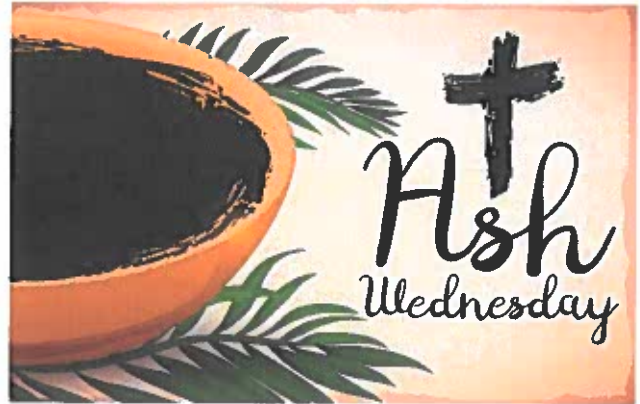
Having this directory is a blessing and a great aid to our Body of Christ here in Eagle River. To be able to put a name to a face for us to know and remember each important member is a wonderful gift for our family. So please find a time to come to worship and smile pretty for the camera. You are important and we are thankful for you.

God Bless.
Pastor Kufahl

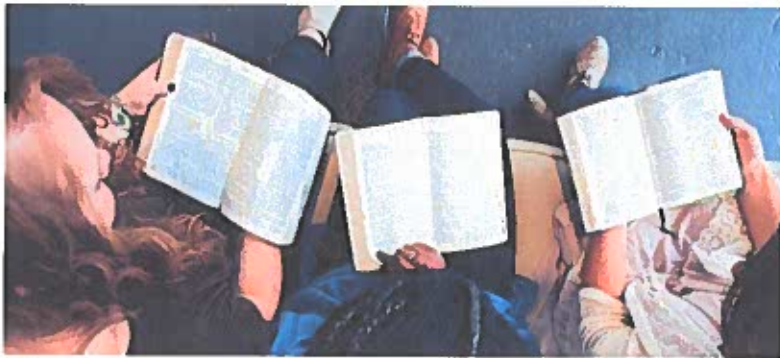
Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 2nd**.
Lent is a 40-day period of repentance and renewal to prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter, April 17th.

Join us for midweek Lenten services starting on **Ash Wednesday, March 2nd** through April 6th, at 4:30 pm or online.

Blessings on your Lenten journey!



IF: Gathering for Women: March 4th-5th



IF: Gathering is an online conference for women (ages 14+) featuring over 20 speakers and topics to grow and be encouraged through God's Word. Sign up to watch online OR join a group of women at our church to watch together and enjoy food and fellowship. The cost is \$10. Email marlenerieck87@gmail.com to receive a link to register.

**2022 Vacation
Bible School
Children, Ages 3-12
August 1st-4th
9 a.m. – Noon**



At Mystery Island, we will uncover the truth about our Creator God! There's a sea of confusion about who God is and what He is like, so we'll track down the one true God and learn how amazing He is through the pages of Scripture!

Mark your calendar!!

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Thursday 1/6/22 – 7:00pm @ Church

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

MEETING AGENDA (MINUTES IN PARENTHESIS)

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Rick led a Prayer)
2. Review minutes from last meeting. (Motion by Carol, 2nd by Lynn. Passed Unanimously)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Motioned to accept- Rick. 2nd from Sue. Passed)
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)
 1. Servant Event July 15-28th
 2. LCMS Youth Gathering July 7-14th
6. Old business Items:
 1. Recruiting new people is ALWAYS on our business docket
7. New Business:
 1. Child Care availability for during service/ Bible Study is being looked into again
 2. VBS dates upcoming. Possibly Aug 1-4th, 2022.
 3. Camperships. (2) Every Kid to Camp cert's available through NWD of LCMS for kids who have not been to an overnight week long camp. Our Savior sets aside funds to also send (1) child to Camp Luther as well. 8-10th graders are invited to go to "Impact Camp" and we budget for (1) person to be sent for this. We invite them to apply with an application which is voted on through the board of Ed. Sue Kurth has also informed us of some "Choice Dollars" available from a Thrivent financial fund, and with some other available funds per Pastor, we would send an additional (2) children to camp for a total of 6!
8. Next meeting: Thursday Feb 24, 2022 @ 7pm
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Our Savior Lutheran

Evangelism Committee

03 Jan 2022

5:00 pm

ATTENDEES

- Jim and Gloria Harper, Marlene Rieck, Pat & Jan Grosse, Pastor Kufahl and Ron Ritzer.
- **AGENDA**
- Northwoods Share dinner
- Easter Basket Program
- July 4th Parade

Old Business

None

New Business

Gloria Harper reported that the Northwoods Share dinner is scheduled for February 15, 2022. Trig's will prepare the meal, which consists of lasagna, garlic bread, canned fruit and cupcakes. Jim Harper will pick up the meal and deliver it to the Northwoods Share. The meal will be put together by volunteers and distributed by pickup and delivered to the shut-ins at 5:00 pm. Currently, the cost of the meals is \$388.35.

Easter Basket Program

The Easter Basket program is scheduled for April 17, 2022. An Easter tree will be constructed and displayed during the week of March 1st to collect money for the program. Trig's will be contacted once again for the construction of the bags. Marlene will contact Carol for the number of bags needed to be delivered. **Volunteers will be needed to deliver the bags to the schools of Eagle River, St. Germain, Land O' Lakes and Phelps on Thursday April 14th. Jim and Gloria will deliver bags to the Phelps school.** There was a brief discussion on the July 4th parade, to be continued at a later meeting. *Next meeting of the Evangelism Board is February 7, 2022.*

Have a Heart

February: the month devoted to love. Stores are filled with heart-shaped boxes of candy and heart-shaped cards and vases of flowers with heart-shaped gift tags. All this is available for the consumer so that he can find the appropriate expression of his devotion to his loved one. If that expression of love has been preceded by a year of thoughtful and loving words and deeds, it is welcomed and cherished by the recipient. If not, it is just an empty ritual, done out of duty rather than true devotion.

Our relationship to the Lord is similar. He, too, desires our sincere devotion, not empty lip service. *“The Lord says: ‘These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me’ ”* (Isaiah 29:13).

Stewardship is serving, helping, giving, but love is the basis for stewardship. Without love, our good deeds are empty and without merit. The first act of true stewardship is to *“love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength”* (Deuteronomy 6:5). Jesus called this the most important commandment (Mark 12:29, 30). With that love for the Lord in us, we are enabled to be good stewards. Then we can do acts of good stewardship, acts of true devotion. We are enabled to . . .

- *“Give generously to Him and do so without a grudging heart”* (Deuteronomy 15:10).
- *“Carefully observe [His decrees and laws] with all your heart and with all your soul”* (Deuteronomy 26:16).
- *“Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality”* (Romans 12:13).
- *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men”* (Colossians 3:23).

God, through Ezekiel, promised, *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws”* (Ezekiel 36:26-27). This promise He has fulfilled in His Son, Jesus, Who has followed His Father’s decrees and kept His laws for us. As we strive to live fruitful lives of stewardship, at the same time, we rest in Christ Who has been the perfect steward for us.

Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

It's Grant Proposal Time!!

“The purpose of the Endowment Fund shall be to receive, to manage, and to distribute funding or scholarships, improvements, and/or missions in support of the mission of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Eagle River.”

As a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Eagle River, can you think of a project, improvement, or a mission that could benefit from grant money within the congregation? Please read further.....

It is that time of year again when individual congregational members and/or organizations of Our Savior Lutheran of Eagle River can complete a proposal for an Endowment Fund grant. This grant money is intended for the use of projects/missions that would not normally be funded by the church's operating budget.

An informational letter was sent out to all members via the church's email list, and it is also posted to the church website along with the application form and guidelines by which to follow. A copy of the letter and application can also be picked up in the church office.

To apply for a grant, please use the designated application form and return to the church office no later than March 31, 2022.

For access to the website download, visit www.oursavioreagleriver.org Click on the home page and the tab “connect”. Click on “GIVING”.

Prayerfully consider your application request and know that up to \$6600.00 is available for grant disbursement this year.

Yours in Christ,

The Endowment Committee of Our Savior

Becky Pokrandt – chairperson

Al Barden, Rick Steinke, Barb Patterson, Pat Grosse, and Pastor Kufahl

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2022

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2022. There will be an executive committee meeting at 10:30 followed by a luncheon at 11:30 and general membership meeting at 12 noon.

Hostesses for the meeting are Jan Toivonen and Dawn Lauber. Christian Life will be given by Diana Sell.

At our January meeting we had 18 members attend which is a good number for a January meeting.

It was decided to give a memorial for our District President, Becky Haltauerheid, who died in December. We are making the \$100 memorial to North Wisconsin District LWML.

The final amounts for Missions for 2021 will be made and sent out to various organizations.

Decisions will also be made for our fundraisers for 2022 at the meetings.

In February letters will be sent to all graduating seniors and college students from our church regarding scholarships we have available.

As a reminder, any woman is invited to join if they are a member of a Lutheran Church. We welcome all.

God Bless,

Teri Kressin

President



February Birthdays

2	Pauline Johnson	15	Katelynn Ritzer
3	Pamela Smith	16	Roger Pluedeman
4	Adam Schmidt	17	Michelle Klotz
	Allison Pearce	19	Fritz Campbell
6	Karla Lokker		Steven Rieck
7	Daryl Nikolaus	21	Kaylynn Klein
	Lynn Moyer	22	Makenna Mugnaini
	Naomi Kadlec	23	Kimberlie Eggleston
	Robin Nikolaus	24	Bob Olson
9	Becky Pflughoeft	27	Matthew Wilson
	Caroline Anderson	28	Bonnie Jozwowski
10	Nancy Atwater		Samuel Gensler
14	Christian Forss		
	Jack Klotz		
	Pamela Jackson		
	Roger Godleske		

February Anniversaries

2	Aaron & Kristina Aschenbrenner
17	Jay & Marianne Braun

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm	31	1 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm JuBELLation 7:15pm Choir	2 4pm W.O.W. 5:30pm Confirmation Class	3 9:30am Quilters 7pm Youth Group	4 Office Closed	5 7am Men's Bible Study
6 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	7 5pm Evangelism Meeting	8 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm JuBELLation 7:15pm Choir	9 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha Meeting 5:30pm Confirmation Class	10 9:30am Quilters 7pm Youth Group	11 Office Closed	12 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>
February 6 <i>Communion</i>	7:30 AM Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper	Kris Secord	Bonnie Jozowski	Vicki Holewinski
Acolyte: Matthew Klein					
February 6 <i>Communion</i>	10:00 AM Brad Anderson	Jennifer Kasmarek	Diana Sell	Jan Toivonen	Dawn Lauber
Acolyte: Alex Gensch					Camera:
February 13 <i>Communion</i>	7:30 AM Jim Bonson	Bob Merz	Kris Secord	Kris Secord	Camera: Dan Scafaro
Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
February 13 <i>Communion</i>	10:00 AM Tim Kadlec	Tim Forss Paul Kurth	Hilde Rozga	Marianne Braun	Jackie Pearce
Acolyte: Naomi Kadlec					
February 20 <i>Communion</i>	7:30 AM Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank	Kris Secord	Sue Frank	Vicki Holewinski
Acolyte: Cole Crum					
February 20 <i>Communion</i>	10:00 AM Tim Forss	Andy Ellenberger	Dawn Shantz	Cindy Gauger	Camera:
Acolyte: Samantha Aschenbrenner					
IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!					
February 27 <i>Communion</i>	7:30 AM Keith Kentala	Jim Bonson	Kris Secord	Pat Crum	Camera:
Acolyte: Matthew Klein					
February 27 <i>Communion</i>	10:00 AM Jacob Husing	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz	Sue Kurth	Jackie Pearce
Acolyte: Ashton Boehm					