

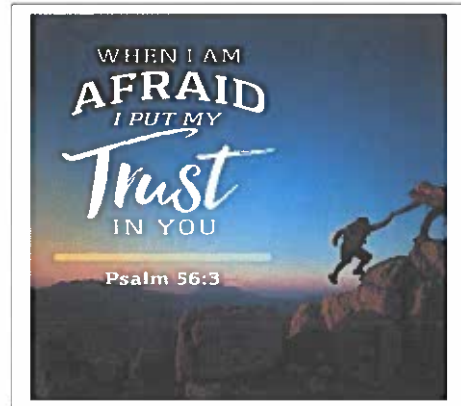
## May 2022 Newsletter

# 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.



### May Memory Verse

When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.

*Psalm 56:3*

### Church Staff:

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### Upcoming Events:

Confirmation Sunday ~ Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
Reception after worship

Sunday School Spring Craft Fair  
Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45 am

Summer Worship Schedule Begins  
Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am



## From the Pastor's Desk

May Newsletter

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

There would be days in late April, when the tornado siren was activated in our little community in southwest Minnesota. With a quick glance outside of my window, I would question how could there be a tornado on a day like today? Then I realized that it was *tornado awareness day*. Days such as that were and are important in order to make sure people are prepared to seek shelter if or when a disaster strikes. We are to know where to go, have back-up supplies, and have a radio ready to listen to updates regarding the situation. So here is my question for you: are you prepared?

For many people, going to a funeral or hearing of someone's death can serve as an 'eternal life awareness day.' The death of someone, especially someone close can serve as a wake-up call to one's own mortality. As Christians, we have the promise of life eternal through Jesus. As Christians, we have hope for a future through Jesus' resurrection from the dead. But what about those who do not know Jesus? What about those who do not live their life in Christ today? What about those who don't even care about what happens to them after they die?

The Lord thinks that eternal life is pretty important. I would say that He considers where you spend your eternal life is even more important. There are only two options when it comes to eternal life: around His throne in heaven or in the abandonment of hell's torturous abyss. Where do you think He wants your neighbor, your enemy, or you yourself to be?

Thanks be to God that He gave to us His only-begotten Son to die for our sins in order that we could be around His throne and in His loving care for all eternity. Thanks be to God that by faith given to us, we can know and believe that this is our destiny. But this is a destiny that we cannot kick back and rest on. The Lord calls us to be His voice to a world lost in darkness. To search out the lost, to comfort those who mourn, and to open the doors of heaven to people who probably don't want anything to do with it. We are to do this all through His Holy Spirit working within and through us, to prepare people with Jesus for true life.

I am glad that you are prepared for life eternal. Now it is time to prepare others through the Holy Spirit in our lives before the winds of death wipe them away to the depths of hell. God, please give us the eyes to see His lost sheep, ears to listen, words to speak, compassionate hearts, patient watches, and the courage to go after them!

# Sunday School Spring Craft Fair!

**Who?** Children, ages 2-12, and their parents/guardians

**When?** Sunday, May 22nd, 8:45-9:45 am

**Where?** Fellowship hall

**What?** Children are invited to make a variety of Christian crafts chosen and taught by groups and individuals of the congregation. Each child or family should have one adult in attendance to help with crafts as needed. Snacks are available also! See you there!



**Would you like to share a craft? See the church bulletin board for details.**



## THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY PARTNERS!

**Shepherds:** RJ Behrens, Karen Behrens, Rick Behrens, Jaclyn Halsey, Katrina Kadlec, Jennifer Kasmarek, Amy Kufahl, Bob Olson, Sara Olson, Lynn Parker, Emily Rottier-Douangmala, Heide Skarda, Linda Stenschke **Puppeteers:** RJ Behrens, Vicki Holewinski **Openings/Music:** Marlene Rieck **Openings:** Andrew Kaufmann **Substitute Shepherds:** Tim Kadlec, Andrew Kaufmann, Laura Lorenz, Carol Pluedeman **Bible Buck Store:** Sherri Congleton, Laura Lorenz, Linda Stenschke

Would you like to be part of our children and youth ministry? Please pray to see if God is calling you. We want to know, love, and follow Jesus!

*"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*



**2022 Vacation Bible School**  
**Children, ages 3-12**  
**August 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 a.m. – Noon**

To register: [www.oursavioreagleriver.org](http://www.oursavioreagleriver.org)

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!

*Kids, don't miss this awesome week of summer! Tell your friends!  
Grade 6+ and adults are needed as volunteers.  
Please contact Marlene Rieck if interested.*



**Outdoor Worship**  
Church Parking Lot  
followed by fellowship, food, and fun!

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 am**

## God's Draft Choices

Two of the most highly watched sporting events on television are not when teams or athletes are competing against each other; rather they involve the drafting of players for the National Football League (NFL) and National Basketball Association (NBA) teams. For many hours, fans of professional sports will watch intently to see whom their favorite teams will draft.

Most of us won't be drafted by professional football or basketball teams, but, as Christians, we receive a greater calling. We, in essence, are God's draft choices. *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit"* (John 15:16). God has made us a part of His team. We are not chosen by God because we are successful in our careers, great athletes, or wealthy. God chooses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. *"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are"* (1 Corinthians 1:27-28).

Through faith, we understand that we are among the foolish and weak through whom God carries on his life-saving work. *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us"* (2 Corinthians 4:7). God entrusts us—clay jars—with this treasure—the Gospel. Even though we are frail and unworthy of our tasks, God has chosen us to carry His message of love to the world. As humble people of faith, we are empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He transforms and molds us. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is God Who does the drafting and the changing. Through faith, we will stay on God's team, and we will bear the fruit that He calls us to bear.

The professional athletes who are drafted are expected to perform. They are paid large sums of money to do very athletic things. As God's chosen people, we may not receive large compensation, but our benefits are out of this world! Therefore, we are eager to use our lives and resources in God's service for His glory. Paul wrote, *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10). What a privilege it is to be part of and serving on God's winning team!

## **Board of Christian Education Meeting**

**Thursday 4/6/22 – 7pm @ Church**

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

### **MEETING AGENDA (MINUTES IN PARENTHESIS)**

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional(Led by Andrew)
2. Review minutes that were emailed to all after last meeting.(Motion to accept by Lynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. Approved unanimously)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick motioned to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. Approved)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
  1. Outdoor Worship- Possibly set for Father's Day (June 19<sup>th</sup> 2022)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (See Andrew's report for more info)
  1. LCMS Youth Gathering (July 7-14th ) Updates
  2. Servant Event (July 15-28<sup>th</sup>) Updates
  3. Easter Breakfast
6. Old business Items:
  1. Recruiting new people is ALWAYS on our business docket
  2. VBS- Aug 1-4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  3. Lenten Supper Responses from March 30, 2022
7. New Business:
  1. Confirmation- Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @10AM. (Corsages needed. Followed by short reception with congregation invited after service(Cake, Ice Cream, Fellowship) instead of between services. Photos between services. )
  2. Craft Fair- Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> during Education Hour (see Marlene's report)
  3. High School Graduation Recognition- June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (Plans for gifts, slideshow, etc.)
8. Next meeting: May 3<sup>rd</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> , 2022 6:30pm @ Church
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

## Evangelism Committee

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**04 April 2022**

**5:00 pm**

### **ATTENDEES**

- Jim and Gloria Harper, Marlene Rieck, Pastor Kufahl, Jim Schmidt and Andrew Kaufman.
- **AGENDA**
- Easter Basket Program
- July 4th Parade

### **Old Business**

Continued discussion on the Easter Basket outreach. A total of 80 bags have been constructed. Mike (at Trig's) informed me that everything in the list was on sale, even the hams. Each bag came to about \$26.00 per bag. The bags will be picked up and distributed on Thursday April 14th. The bags will be delivered to the elementary schools; Eagle River, St. Germain, Phelps and Land O' Lakes. Thanks to our congregation for making this outreach successful!

### **New Business**

- The Committee decided to combine the new member reception with the outdoor service/picnic. We currently have 10 new members to welcome. Marlene will coordinate for a small carnival for children. We will be asking for volunteers to help with the games. Breakfast foods will be available, and the congregation will be asked to provide cookies, bars, fruit, breads, etc. Ice cream bars (or popcorn) could be available also. Music will be provided for the service from the band. The date for the event has been set for June 19th at 9:00 am. Everyone should bring their own chairs.
- Pastor presented the idea of Our Savior hosting a training seminar presented by the Lutheran Emergency Response Team, (LERT). Depending on how many people register for the training, it could be conducted at the church or at Camp Lutheran. The training would be made available to primarily Missouri Synod members. A date for this training is to be determined and will be for a full day on a Saturday. The training costs will be \$25.00 per person, with lunch provided.
- Gloria ordered Pass Along scripture cards for the Welcome Center desk, new members and for the 4th of July parade. The church address will be attached to the back of the cards. Please see the attached photos.

Next Evangelism Board meeting is: **May 9th** at 5:00 pm.

# Martha Society News

## MARTHA SOCIETY

MAY 2022

**Our May 11 board meeting will start at 10:30 followed by a luncheon at 11:30 and general membership meeting at 12 Noon.**

**Our hostesses for May are Carol Johnson and Sharon Gifford. Christian life will be presented by Marianne Braun.**

**There are 8 of us going to the Spring Rally held at Rock of Ages in Minocqua. It is a great was to meet new people and to network with Christian sisters. A report will be given at the May meeting.**

**The Banners for the 5 Confirmands should be finished by the time of the meeting. If not, final details will be done at the meeting.**

**The main part of the meeting will be discussing the Luncheon/Card party to be held on May 18. The time is 11:00-2:30. There will be delicious salads, desserts all donated by the Martha members. Each member will also donate 2 door prizes, if able. Tickets are \$12.00 each and are available between services, through the church office, or call Sharon Gifford. Last year we had over 90 attendees, which is the most ever. Those attendees can play cards, games, or just chat and catch up with each other. We look forward to seeing you there. Remember men are also welcome. All money made goes to support missions. There is a list posted in the fellowship hall of the missions we donated to last year.**

**Our next meeting will be June 8, 2022.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Teri Kressin**

**President**



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## May Birthdays

2	Carol Smith	17	Carol Pluedeman
4	Diane Schoessow		Chad Smith
	William Weber		Dan Marien
5	Jerry Kurth	18	Addisan Rottier
	Marlene Rieck		Gerald Baerenwald
6	Colten Wanta		Sue Schmidt
	Del Keup		Walter Matthis
	Jennifer Frank	20	Robert Voss
	Reagan Rezny	21	Nancy Hoelz
7	Dolores Schneider		Robert Bauer
	Joyce Litchfield	23	Lindsey Campbell
	Judy Jousma	24	Dave Watts
10	Tom Timm		Ralph Rothenbach
11	Malachi Ross	26	Victoria Forss
	Steve Goetter	27	Jim Schmidt
12	Gaige Marien	30	John Eggleston
	John Jozwowski	31	Evan Wanta
13	Barb Patterson		Lynn Parker
15			R.J. Behrens

## May Anniversaries

1	Terry & Gretchen Tryggeseth	23	Ralph & Mara Rothenbach
6	Donn & Cindy Gauger	25	George & Beverly Brunette
7	Dennis & Barbara Gauger	28	Richard & Theresa Cherney
17	Rick & Candace Behnke	30	Dennis & Georgia Kolowith
19	Ken & Joan Holdmann	31	Bill & Gail Trosien
22	Daryl & Mary George		
	Gerhard & Hilde Becker		

# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	2	3 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	4 5:30pm Confirmation Class 7pm Praise & Worship	5 7pm Youth Group	6 Office Closed	7 7am Men's Bible Study
8 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm	9 5pm Evangelism Meeting	10 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	11 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha Meeting 4pm W.O.W. 5:30pm Confirmation Class (8th Grade Only) 7pm Elders Meeting	12 7pm Youth Group	13 Office Closed	14 7am Men's Bible Study
15 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service - Confirmation	16	17 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	18	19 7pm Youth Group	20 Office Closed	21 7am Men's Bible Study
22 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Sunday School Spring Craft Fair 10am Late Service/Comm	23 9am Newsletter Articles Due	24 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	25	26 7pm Youth Group	27 Office Closed	28 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
29 9am Saturday Evening/Communion	30	31 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	1	2 7pm Youth Group	3 Office Closed	4 7am Men's Bible Study

<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
<b>May 1</b> 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	Jim Bonson	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper		Debbie Holewinski	
Acolyte: Matthew Klein					
<b>May 1</b> 10:00 AM	Tim Forss	Dave Parker Lynn Parker	Lynn Parker	Jan Toivonen	Dawn Lauber
Acolyte: Samantha Aschenbrenner					
<b>May 8</b> 7:30 AM	Pat Crum	Bob Metz		Bonnie Jozowski	
Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
<b>May 8</b> 10:00 AM <i>Communion</i>	Tim Kadlec	Paul Kurth Jennifer Kazmarek	Dawn Shantz	Diane Kuntz	Jackie Pearce
Acolyte: Alex Gensch					
<b>May 15</b> 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	Art Granat	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank		Mary Malinsky	
Acolyte: Cole Crum					
<b>May 15</b> 10:00 AM	Keith Kentala	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Dawn Shantz	Priscilla Ellenberger	
Acolyte: Christian Forss					
<b>May 22</b> 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Pat Grosse		Pat Crum	Vicki Holewinski
Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
<b>May 22</b> 10:00 AM <i>Communion</i>	Brad Anderson	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Holly Nier	Cindy Gauger	Jackie Pearce
Acolyte: Naomi Kadlec					

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

<b>May 28</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Pat Crum	Jim Harper Pat Grosse	Kris Secord	Bonnie Jozwowski	
	<i>Communion</i>					
	Acolyte:					
<b>May 29</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Ron Hagen	Rick Behrens Karen Behrens	Hilda Rozga	Rick Behrens	
	<i>Communion</i>					