

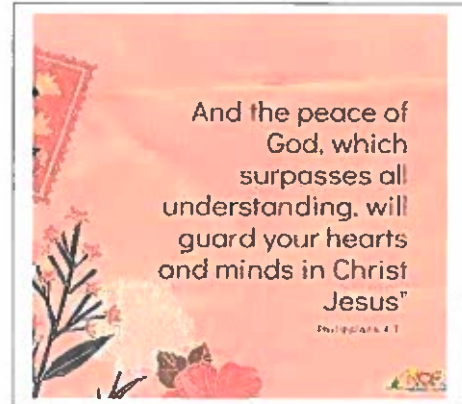
June 2022 Newsletter

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.



June Memory Verse

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7

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Upcoming Events:

Summer Worship Schedule

Saturdays at 7:00 pm

Sundays at 9:00 am

Sunday, June 19th at 9:00
Outdoor Worship in Parking Lot
followed by Games & Food
See details in newsletter!



From the Pastor's Desk

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Over the past month farmers throughout the states have been working extremely hard, long hours to get their seeds planted in preparation and anticipation of a future crop and harvest. Rightfully so as this is security for their livelihood and future. That crop will not only provide financial resources for their family, but offer food and resources for people throughout the world. This is an exciting and important time, as we await to see what will become of that little seed.

There are so many variables at stake for that seed's future. While some such as a brutal cold snap or too much/too little rain are far out of the farmer's control, there are a few things that a good farmer can assist with to ensure that seed has the best shot at a successful future. And it all begins with taking care of that soil.

In Matthew 13, Jesus tells the parable of the sower sowing his seed. Some of the seeds do not have much of a chance as they land on ground that will not be beneficial for their future. Yet the seed that hits that proper soil, wow does it produce! And this makes sense as farmers take care to see that the soil is tilled, proper nutrients are applied, weeds are taken, and of course the rocks are picked. But Jesus is not necessarily concerned here with the corn or the beans.

As the Word goes out, the sad reality is that some people are just not ready to receive it. The devil's desire is that God's Word, the seed is killed before it even has a chance. The cares of the world, trouble and hardships, and laziness to take care of that seed, all set the Word of God up for failure.

Now God's Word is powerful and does do mighty things. But the question we must ask ourselves is what are we doing to allow the devil to sabotage God's Word in our life? This is never a comfortable question for us to reflect on. But it is an important one to acknowledge if we truly want God's blessings and future in our life and the lives of our children.

It is summer in the Northwoods, and summer does not last long before the long, cold winter sets in once again. As we work hard while the weather is warm to take care of things and to rightfully relax and enjoy, may we never forget that we need to tend to the spiritual soil that is in our care. May we continue to seek our heavenly Father, that He would continue to prepare us to properly receive His Word in order that it would grow healthy and strong in our lives and the lives of our children.

Summer is busy. My prayer for you and your family is that there will always be time made for God's Word to be sown in your busy schedules. Yes that does mean that when you are out on vacation, it is good for you to find a church (preferably LCMS ☺) to let your soil be sown. Take time with your family around the fire to share in a devotion. Take time in the car to listen to the Lutheran Hour as a family (and even talk about what you learned after it was over).

It is growing season. Please don't let your faith get neglected!



Outdoor Worship & Fellowship!
Sunday, June 19th, 9 am
Church Parking Lot

- Breakfast potluck (Beverages provided)
 - Children's games & prizes
 - Bounce house
- Please bring lawn chairs & food to share



2022 Vacation Bible School
Children, ages 3-12

August 1st-4th

9 a.m. – Noon

To register: 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!

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Evangelism Board

May 9, 2022

ATTENDEES

Jim & Gloria Harper, Andrew Kaufman, Marlene Rieck, Greg Highstrom, Pastor Kufahl, Pat & Jan Grosse, and Gary Fawcett.

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Follow up for June 19th outdoor worship and picnic, and new members welcome reception.
2. Bouncy house, music, breakfast pastries/items, bring own chair, Pat & Jan will take care of new member name tags and letters, Gary and Andrew will deliver invitations to neighbors. Popcorn machine will be operational, as well as a snow cone machine, juice, water and coffee.

New Business

- **4th of July parade.**
 1. Need volunteers to walk and carry our Vacation Bible school banner, as well as an ATV and small trailer to carry water, candy and other supplies for backup.
- **Senior Celebration.**
 1. Scheduled for August 14th.
 2. Pat & Jan Grosse will take care of cake and ice cream, Need volunteers to arrange for letters/invitations to Seniors, and flowers and corsages for seniors.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Finalize outdoor worship

July Parade

August Senior celebration

Next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2022...same time, same place!

Money and the Great Commission

Jesus' parting command was: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with His mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere. He has given us our marching orders, and, in His strength, we can give ourselves fully to His work.

Because God has chosen to use us as His tools to bring salvation to all people, we must use our lives and gifts to spread the Good News. Paul wrote, *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the tools that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, *"Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible."* Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus' command to reach out to all people. Paul wrote that, through our giving, we *"test the sincerity of [our] love by comparing it with the earnestness of others"* (2 Corinthians 8:8).

For nonbelievers and those who lack spiritual maturity, the giving of money is done begrudgingly out of a sense of obligation. By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a "want to" rather than a "got to" give. We view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel through our money. Our giving expresses our gratitude for who God is and all that He has done for through His Son. Through faith, we hold onto our money loosely and then are privileged to experience the joy of giving as we give God our first and best. As Christians we understand that God has a claim on all that we have, so we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God's love. Money is an important tool for God's mission. Through our faithful giving, we are able to leverage our witnessing to all people.

Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Committee

May 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes submitted by Chairperson Becky Pokrandt

The Endowment Committee was called to order at 10:10 AM on May 4, 2022. All members were in attendance: Pastor Kufahl, Alvin Barden, Rick Steinke, Barb Patterson, Pat Grosse, and Becky Pokrandt.

Pat Grosse opened with prayer followed with the treasurer's report and the Lutheran Legacy Endowment Fund balance as of 3-31-22. A check was recently received by Lutheran Legacy for \$5017.00 which will be applied to the grant application process for 2023.

Under new business, the committee reviewed the grant applications from 2022 with discussion and thoughts going forward. There were two separate applications this year, as follows:

The Our Savior Evangelism Committee applied for \$300.00 to put toward children's games/bounce house for the June 19th outdoor worship service in the church parking lot. A motion was made by Rick Steinke to accept this request and a 2nd was made by Barb Patterson. Motion carried.

DCE Intern Andrew Kaufmann applied for a grant of \$2000.00 to apply toward the National Youth Gathering Trip to Houston, Texas in July. This would help offset the expenses of the trip. With discussion of their current budget and funds already raised, it was suggested that an additional amount could be afforded to them. A motion was made by Al Barden to offer \$2500.00 to the Our Savior Lutheran Youth who will be traveling to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. A 2nd was given by Barb Patterson and motion was carried.

These recommendations for the grant applicants will be put forth to the Church Council at the next Council meeting for approval. If approved, each applicant will receive the recommended and approved grant amounts.

Further discussion was had among the committee to carry over the remaining \$3300.00 and include it with the recently received \$5017.00, thus making the 2023 Endowment Grant opportunity an amount not to exceed \$8,317.00.

Pastor Kufahl discussed an upcoming idea for commissioned art renditions to be painted of the various events in the Life of Christ. More information will be forthcoming at a later date.

Rick Steinke and Pat Grosse brought up for discussion thoughts of the carport topic that is being studied by the Trustees. It was discussed that this project could possibly qualify as a grant application by someone, in the next window of grant applications. The committee was also urged to serve as ambassadors to the congregation in the upcoming months and make congregational members aware of the grant dollar amount available in 2023 and urge members to think of creative projects they'd like to see come to fruition within the church, and apply for a grant.

Becky Pokrandt – chairperson announced that at the end of December her term as chairperson will expire and that she has prayerfully considered not to renew her service to the committee. This allows the committee time to search for a new chairperson, which is a 3 year term.

The next meeting date has been scheduled for November 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Kufahl closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

JUNE 2022

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2022. There will be a board meeting at 10:30 with a luncheon scheduled for 11:30 followed by a general membership meeting at Noon.

The hostesses are Carolyn Gleisner and Kathy Greif. Christian Life will be presented by Georgia Kolowith.

Our salad luncheon/card party was a huge success! Thanks to Sharon Gifford and her committee plus all the Martha members who donated salads, door prizes, and worked. Ladies, sisters in Christ, you are the ones who made it a success. We had 92 people attend including members. Seven men attended, including Andrew and Pastor Kufahl. We received so many compliments and women asked us if we were going to do this again next year. They were hoping we would. Donna Liedtke received many compliments about her prayer and how truly inspirational it was.

The banners for Confirmation were completed on time and were beautiful. It was a wonderful service, and we hope to see these youth in church and participating in activities. God Bless each and every one of you.

We discussed meeting over summer since we don't do crafts any longer. It was decided in July to go out for lunch. Everyone that can attend is more than welcome. July is a busy month for everyone with all the activities happening and company coming. One item we need to think about is what we want to do for our "80's" theme and also talking about the biennial LWML convention to be held in Milwaukee in 2023. The other activity is our District Convention on June 16-18 in Green Bay. If you are interested in attending, please let me know as soon as possible.

God Bless all our Martha Society family,

Teri Kressin

President



June Birthdays

2	Tony Bentley	17	Beverly Ginnow
3	Carol Johnson		Madelyne Mugnaini
4	Diane Kentala	18	Graysen Lea
	Mara Rothenbach		Marianne Braun
6	Barbara Moak	19	Rick Campbell
	Lauren Cross	20	Donna Timm
	Sue Ziegler		Gloria Harper
7	Wallace Oswald	21	Bonnie Fischer
9	Richard Pluedeman	22	Sandy Wiedenbauer
10	Mark Lauber	23	Alan Geoffroy
	Terrance Luebke		Emily Sauer
12	Kathleen Mackin	24	Jay Braun
13	Elizabeth Schmidt	25	Ken Moak
	Vicki Holewinski	26	Dick Hansen
14	Marvin Jarvis	27	Chris Jost
	Sandra Apfel	28	Haylei Frank
15	Amelia Husing		Jake Campbell
16	Keith Kentala	29	Katrina Kadlec
	Terry Tryggeseth		Jessica Kadlec
		30	Nancy Anderson

June Anniversaries

1	Dave & Cindy Watts	19	Peter & Amy Kufahl
3	Tim & Vicki Baerenwald	21	Bob & Sara Olson
4	Christopher & Jennifer Frank		James & Jan Thomas
	Robert & Sharon Bauer	23	Steve & Erin Goetter
6	Jack & Michelle Klotz		Zachary & Alicia Otto
	Robert & Carol Johnson	24	Jeff & Carla Mueller
7	Perry & Rebekah Pokrandt	26	Bill & Karen Hassey
9	Chuck & Nancy Atwater		Martin & Kim Sauer
10	Michael & Nicole Rogers	27	David & Miriam Karll
11	Robert & Christine Hopp		Richard & Karen Behrens
13	Thomas & Kathleen Mackin	28	Robert & Jodi Popp
14	Mark & Dawn Lauber	29	Daniel & Loriann Scafaro
16	Roger & Carol Pluedeman		

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	30	31 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	1 9am Women's Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	2 7pm Youth Group	3 Office Closed	4 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
5 9am Sunday Worship	6 5pm Evangelism Meeting 6pm HCPA Meeting	7 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	8 9am Women's Bible Study 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha Meeting	9	10 Office Closed	11 7am Men's Bible Study 3pm Wedding 7pm Saturday Evening
12 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	13 5:30pm Jr High Youth Group 6pm HCPA Meeting 7pm Sr. High Youth Group	14 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 7pm Choir	15 9am Women's Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	16 7pm Council Meeting	17 Office Closed	18 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
19 9am Outdoor Worship 10am Games & Food	20 9am Newsletter Articles Due 5:30pm Jr High Youth Group 7pm Sr. High Youth Group	21 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 7pm Choir	22 9am Women's Bible Study	23	24 Office Closed	25 7am Men's Bible Study 10am Chris Wise Memorial Service 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>
June 4 7:00 PM Communion	Keith Kentala	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper	Lynn Parker	Debbie Holewinski	Jackie Pearce
June 5 9:00 AM	Tim Forss	Pat Grosse	Dawn Shantz	Jan Toivonen	Shele Fawcett
June 11 7:00 PM	Pat Grosse	Bob Merz	Kris Secord	Mary Malinsky	Camera:
June 12 9:00 AM Communion	Ron Hagen	Paul Kurth Jennifer Kazmarek	Hilda Rozga	Marianne Braun	Camera:
June 18 7:00 PM Communion	Pat Crum	Mary Jarvis Sue Frank	Kris Secord	Bonnie Jozwowski	
June 19 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship	Jim Bonson	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Holly Nier	Sue Kurth	Camera:
June 25 7:00 PM	Art Granat	Jim Bonson	Kris Secord	Kris Secord	Jackie Pearce
June 26 9:00 AM Communion	Brad Anderson	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz	Rick Behrens	Camera:

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