

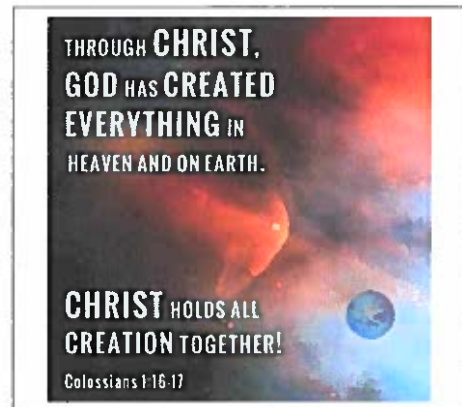
## July 2022 Newsletter

# 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.



### July Memory Verse

"For by Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible...and He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

*Colossians 1:16-17*

### Church Staff:

Peter Kufahl, Pastor  
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Marlene Rieck, Director of Music & Children's Ministry  
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Jackie Pearce, Choir Director

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### Upcoming Events:

Summer Worship Schedule  
Saturdays at 7:00 pm  
Sundays at 9:00 am

LC-MS Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas  
July 9-13

Appalachian Servant Event in Asheville, North Carolina  
July 16-27

Mystery Island Vacation Bible School  
August 1-4, 9 am-Noon

## Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 16, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Pastor Kufahl – opening devotion and prayer
3. Roll call taken by attendance sheet: Becky Pokrandt, Bill Hassey, Jim Harper, Keith Kentala, Pastor Kufahl, Jean Walker, Donna Timm, Rick Behrens, Tim Kadlec, Brad Anderson
4. Minutes from November 15, 2021. Motion to accept made by Jim H. Second by Rick B. Passed
5. Treasurer report: Submitted by Reach & Schwaiger. Donna talked about meeting with accounting firm in January. We will start working on the budget in September. Motion to accept made by Bill. Second by Jim. Passed
6. Pastor Kufahl's report – Things have been busy. 3 churches in our circuit have vacancies. First wedding here since Pastor has been here. Things are going very well.
7. President's remarks – We are very blessed as a congregation and to have Camp Luther in our backyard.
8. Staff reports: Marlene – written reports submitted. Keith suggested we have meetings more often or get info sooner. Rick – Board of Ed: We have had some interesting conversations going on. Andrew will be leaving soon, now what. We have active youth groups that would like to keep going. Keith – Elders: Keith and Pastor went to convention together. Nothing too much going on with elders. Jim – Evangelism: Outdoor worship/games going on this Sunday. Could use more help setting up and to help with games. Also new member welcome is this Sunday. We will not be participating in the 4h of July parade this year. Senior Celebration in August. Becky – Endowment: We had 2 grant applications. We have now reached \$100,000 in the endowment account. Everything is spelled out in the report. Bill – Trustees: Waiting for the painter to paint sanctuary as he was injured a few months ago. Remodeling the downstairs bathrooms is still in the works. Waiting for lighting company to help with new lighting in sanctuary. New windows have been installed in office and siding on outside of office.
9. Old business: None
10. New Business:
  - a) Endowment Grant Proposals – one from Andrew requesting \$2000 for NYG, another from Evangelism for bounce house for games planned for after the outdoor worship. Proposal to give youth \$2500 and evangelism \$300. Keith made motion. Donna second. Passed.
  - b) Beautification project – Pastor explained the idea of paintings for the sanctuary. Each painting would cost \$3000 and no payment until completed. We would also frame these in house. Motion made by Keith to commission the artist and we use the memorial money to fund as a backup. Donna second. Passed.
  - c) Endowment allotment for memorials – Endowment committee would like a percentage of all memorials that are given to the church. Lots of discussion took place regarding memorial money not be placed in the endowment fund unless the family specifies this. Motion by Rick to wait until the end of the year to decide if we put any memorial funds into the endowment fund. Second by Brad. Passed.
  - d) Newsletter – Fewer people are reading the newsletters. Jim made a motion that the calendar and board reports in printed format but emailed to the board heads and discontinue the current newsletter format. Second Rick. Passed
  - e) Youth director – With Andrew leaving, the thought was to have someone from Camp Luther come to serve as our youth director with a stipend of \$400 per month. Motion to officially explore with Camp Luther to hire a youth director made by Keith. Jim second. Passed
  - f) Electronic door rules – If you use the fob to get in, you can use the hex key to unlock the door but then you need to lock the door with the hex key.
  - g) Picture directory – One option is to have Hahn Printing print copies or we can print copies in house. There is also an app to access a directory. If we print ourselves, we can update whenever we need to. We discussed and decided to print the directory in the office as needed and updated.

- h) Old records – We currently keep old records for 7 years. We have many boxes stored in the shed taking up lots of space. It is necessary to keep all of these paper copies of everything. It was decided that we should keep financial records digitally for 7 years, church business digitally for 3 years, offering envelopes for 1 year.
- i) Thank you to Dave and Michelle Larsen for the new chairs in the fellowship hall.

12. Letters/communications: None

Next council meeting:

- a. Next Voters Meeting:
- b. Next Council Meeting:

Motion to adjourn by Keith. Second by Rick. Adjourned at 9:07 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Walker  
Council Secretary

## **Elders Meeting – June 8, 2022; 7 PM**

### **Agenda:**

1. Opening devotion
2. Andrew departure
3. Saturday wedding coverage (Ron)
4. Parking Lot Service/New Member welcome final plans
5. Circuit update
6. District convention update
7. Camp Luther – fall continuation for Our Savior teen group
8. Sanctuary beautification discussion
9. Future vicarage discussion
10. Parking lot door security overview
11. No elder meeting for the month of July. Reconvene in August.
12. Open Items: Wearing Elder badges even on Sunday's not serving.

Attendees: Art, Ron, Pat C, Brad, Jim, Pastor, Keith

### **Notes:**

- Pastor opened with a devotion from Psalm 8.
- Elders to host a farewell ice cream social for Andrew after the July 31 Sunday morning service.
- Circuit update: Bundy congregation does not have current pastoral care. A retired Pastor in the area plans to take them on in August. Mercer pastor plans to retire at the end of June. Boulder Junction pastor is considering a call. Three Lakes still receiving pastoral care from Pastor Scheffler through June.
- Iron River LCMS church now a part of Circuit 5, following approval at the recently concluded North Wisconsin District convention in Wausau.
- Camp Luther youth group leader to be headed by Pastor and the Bd. Of Ed.
- Church beautification efforts being coordinated with Pastor and the Bd. Of Trustees.
- Preliminary discussions around a Vicar to our church in 2023/2024. Housing will likely be a challenge. Further discussion on this subject at the upcoming church council meeting.
- New key fobs distributed to each elder for use with the parking lot door only. Front door remains fully keyed at this time.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## **Board of Christian Education Meeting**

**Tuesday 06/07/22 – 6:15pm @ Church**

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

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

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Prayer led by PK)
2. Review minutes that were emailed to all after last meeting. (Motioned to accept by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn. Passed Unanimously.)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick presented. Motion to accept by Sue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn. Unanimously 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)
6. Old business Items:
  1. Recruiting new people is ALWAYS on our business docket
  2. VBS- Aug 1-4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  3. Follow-up on Confirmation and Graduation Recognition (new format/ timing was great. Gifts were sent out to the graduates by Marlene)
  4. Craft Fair reactions (Lots of fun, possibly do again in the winter to break up our long winter season?)
7. New Business:
  1. June 19<sup>th</sup> Father's Day (outdoor worship, bounce house, games)
  2. Ladies Bible Study (Carol presented- started June 1st- Going well!)
8. Next meeting: July 7<sup>th</sup> , 2022, 6:15pm @ Church
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

# Board of Evangelism

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June 6, 2022

## ATTENDEES

Pat & Jan Grosse, Greg Highstrom, Jim & Gloria Harper, Gary Fawcett Jim Schmidt, Marlene Rieck.

## AGENDA

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Need help staging tables, equipment, etc. for Sunday Outdoor service. Meet at church on Thursday 16th at 9:00 am. Games have been picked up; bounce house will be set up by the company. Also, we will need volunteers on Sunday morning the 19th, at 7:30 am to put everything together for the service at 9:00 am.
2. There appears to be a lack of interest for the July 4th parade, so our participation in the parade has been canceled. The Chamber has been notified.

### New Business

- The Senior celebration is scheduled for August 14th. Pat & Jan Grosse will coordinate getting the flowers, cake and letters to the Seniors.

## NOTES

- **Since the parade participation has been canceled, there will be no meeting in late June. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 18th, to finalize and make preparations for the Senior celebration in August.**

## Giving a Cup of Cold Water

During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent much time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did He send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord.

In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to His disciples, said, *"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."* Jesus told His disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to Him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself.

As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, He refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we all are given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors. May God bless us all as we work to further His kingdom.

# *Martha Society News*

## **MARTHA SOCIETY**

**JULY 2022**

**There will not be a formal meeting in July. It was decided to go out for lunch on the 14<sup>th</sup>, which is a Thursday. Many restaurants are not open on Wednesday. Georgia Kolowith is organizing it, so watch for e-mails. If you don't have a computer, you will receive a phone call. In August we will have a regular meeting with a few changes. These will be discussed at the July luncheon.**

**Thank you everyone for a great 9 months of 2022 and it's not over yet. Thank you for all the hard work and for being such an amazing group of Christian Martha sisters to work with. I have truly enjoyed each and every moment.**

**Jan Toivonen wanted to remind everyone we still collect stamps and postcards. Please put them in the basket on the end of the counter at the welcome center. We cannot take flag stamps. The money collected from these stamps goes to pay off LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League) Mission grants. Those are posted in the fellowship hall. We appreciate all donations. Thank you for all your support.**

**Teri Kressin**

**President**

**Martha Society**



# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	27 5:30pm Jr High Youth Group 7pm Sr. High Youth Group	28 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 7pm Choir	29 9am Women's Bible Study	30	1 Office Closed	2 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
3 9am Sunday Worship	4 5:30pm Jr High Youth Group 7pm Sr. High Youth Group	5 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	6 9am Women's Bible Study	7 9am NYG Participants Leave	8 Office Closed	9 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening
10 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	11 6pm HCPA Meeting	12 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	13	14 5pm NYG Participants Return	15 Office Closed	16 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
17 9am Sunday Worship	18 5pm Evangelism Meeting 5:30pm Jr High Youth Group 7pm Sr. High Youth Group	19 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	20	21	22 Office Closed	23 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening
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31 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	1 9am VBS	2 9am VBS 9:30am Quilting	3 9am VBS	4 9am VBS	5 Office Closed	6 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion

<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
July 2 7:00 PM Communion	Art Granat	Pat Grosse Jim Harper	Lynn Parker	Mary Malinsky	
July 3 9:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Jennifer Kasmarek	Dawn Shantz	Rick Behrens	Vicki Holewinski Camera:
July 9 7:00 PM	Keith Kentala	Bob Merz		Pat Crum	Camera:
July 10 9:00 AM Communion	Tim Forss	Paul Kurth Jennifer Kasmarek	Hilda Rozga	Priscilla Ellenberger	
July 16 7:00 PM Communion	Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis Bob Merz	Kris Secord	Kris Secord	Jackie Pearce
July 17 9:00 AM	Brad Anderson	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Holly Nier	Diane Kuntz	Vicki Holewinski Camera:
July 23 7:00 PM	Tim Forss	Dave Parker Lynn Parker	Kris Secord	Bonnie Jozwowski	Camera:
July 24 9:00 AM Communion	Ron Hagen	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz	Sue Kurth	

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

July 30	7:00 PM	Jim Bonson	Jim Harper Pat Grosse	Kris Secord	Pat Crum	Jackie Pearce
	<i>Communion</i>					
July 31	9:00 AM	Pat Grosse	Rick Behrens Karen Behrens	Dawn Shantz	Marianne Braun	
	<i>Communion</i>					Camera: