

## August 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.

The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

— Psalm 145:8



### August Memory Verse

"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

*Psalm 145:8*

### Church Staff:

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### Upcoming Events:

#### Summer Worship Schedule

Saturdays at 7:00 pm

Sundays at 9:00 am

#### Mystery Island Vacation Bible School

August 1-4, 9 am-Noon

#### Celebrating Seniors (80+ years old)

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am Worship

## **Children's Ministry Report (Birth-Grade 6) July 2022**

### **Vacation Bible School –**

Vacation Bible School will be held August 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 12 pm each day for children ages 3-12. Registration is open and can be accessed on our website. We have approximately 44 students registered so far. Thanks to Art Granat for putting up our outdoor sign. I'll put a PSA in the Vilas County News-Review. Please encourage and invite children to come!

Our theme is "Mystery Island" from Answers in Genesis. At "Mystery Island", we'll 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 by studying Scripture. We will also learn and share about the salvation that is ours through Jesus, God's Son, and our Savior.

Our volunteer meeting will be Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am. I've been communicating and connecting with various volunteers to go over details! We are close to having a full VBS team!

On Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, after the 9 am service we will be taking out the communion rails and putting up the set panels. Throughout the week decorating will be taking place. Help is welcome!

A closing program and lunch are scheduled for Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am. The closing would include the last drama. Thanks to Miriam Karll and her sisters for making and serving our lunch! We will ask for some food donations to offset costs.

Our VBS mission project will be gathering offerings to print Japanese catechisms for our friends at Takenotsuka Lutheran Church in Japan. We will watch the video they shared with us this spring and perhaps they have been able to visit the States this summer and could visit us!

### **Sunday School –**

Curriculum – This fall we are on track to study Year One (Units 1-3) of the Enduring Faith Curriculum from CPH which is a Bible overview. We last studied these units in the 2020-2021 school year. We skip approximately 4 lessons per unit so I can make sure we cover those lessons in the coming year.

### **Family Ministry / Cradle Roll –**

Staffed Nursery – Our nursery volunteers will be able to use Sign Up Genius to sign up for dates they are available to help. I currently have a sign by the nursery door that allows families to know if the nursery is staffed on a given Sunday.

Outdoor Worship & Games – THANK YOU to everyone who participated and helped at our outdoor worship followed by fellowship and games on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to Rick Behrens, RJ Behrens, CJ Forss, Hannah Forss, Tori Forss, Andrew Kaufmann, Addy Kufahl, Holly Nier, Mike Rieck, Izzy Stenschke, Linda Stenschke, and John Stenschke for their help with games! Thank you to Dan Scafaro and Dexter Kube for help with worship sound and set up. Thank you to the Board of Evangelism for help with food, snacks, and set up!

### **Other Board of Ed items –**

Women's Bible Study – Our women's study on the book of Philippians by Deb Burma has been a blessing this summer! We average about 12 women each week on Wednesdays at 9 am. We are researching Bible studies for the fall.

VBS 2023 – Would we like to borrow materials again or purchase a new curriculum? Choices... "Keepers of the Kingdom" 2023 Answers in Genesis curriculum on the Armor of God. "Zoomerang" 2022 Answers in Genesis curriculum on Sanctity of Life; "Tree of Life" Concordia Publishing House: new this year that includes 10 lessons, family kits, sermon series, and various ways of using it.

## **Board of Christian Education Meeting**

**Thursday 07/07/22 – 6:15pm @ Church**

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

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

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Prayer led by Pastor)
2. Review minutes that were emailed to all after last meeting. (Motion to accept Carol, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue. Passed unanimously)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Presented current financials, Motioned by Sue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick. 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. Recruiting new people is ALWAYS on our business docket
  2. VBS- Aug 1-4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  3. Father's Day Outdoor Service takeaways
  4. Ladies Bible Study (Carol- discussion or updates?)
7. New Business:
  1. Youth Leader Position- (Pastor led Discussion- Job desc was sent to Camp Luther to show staff members. Response has already happened, God is good! Possibility of interviewing coming up, and how the camp responsibility will meld with our needs.)
  2. 2023 VBS (Discussion was had about different available programs for 2023, including options we could borrow from other congregations.)
  3. RightNow Media Subscription (Motion to renew yearly subscription from Carol, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue. Passed Unanimously.)
  4. Pastor is leaving for the Servant Event in North Carolina next week Friday. Please pray for a successful servant event, as well as the safety of our pastor throughout the trip. Unfortunately, no kids are able to attend from our congregation this year. Pastor is going to be a coordinator for projects in addition to being involved in many other tasks.)
8. Next meeting: Monday August 8th , 2022, 6:15pm @ Church
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

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# Evangelism Committee

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18 July, 2022

5:00 pm

## ATTENDEES

- Jim and Gloria Harper, Marlene Rieck, Pat & Jan Grosse, Ron Ritzer and Greg Highstrom.
- **AGENDA**
- Senior Celebration
- Vilas Food Pantry food drive
- Trunk or Treat
- 4th of July Parade
- LERT training

## Old Business

Discussed pros and cons of the Outdoor service and picnic.

Pat & Jan reported that the preparations for the upcoming Senior recognition event is in its final stages...cake has been ordered and will be picked up prior to the event. Flowers have been ordered. The Senior recognition event is scheduled for August 14, 2022.

## New Business

- After a brief discussion, it was decided that there will be another entry in the 4th of July parade for 2023.  
New ideas and themes are forthcoming for the event.
- Information on Lutheran Emergency Response Team training was discussed. Present dates and locations for the training were discussed. The Board was in agreement that OSL should pursue and host LERT training for our area. Representatives from local law enforcement and firefighters should also be invited.
- There will be NO meeting for the Evangelism Board for the month of August 2022.

Next Evangelism Board meeting is: **September 12th** at 5:00 pm.

## God Calls Us to be His Workers

In spite of our foolish and sinful ways, God calls us to be His workers. Scripture tells us that Jesus did not pick people from society's elite when He chose his workers. Jesus' disciples were peasants, fishermen, and even a tax collector. Paul wrote, "*Brothers, think of what you when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 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 . . .*" (1 Corinthians 1:26-28). The majority of God's work was done and continues to be done by the lowly and oppressed people.

Certainly, God can use celebrities and very successful people in His work. However, we need to remember that, even though we may not have accomplished anything of worldly significance, broken any records, or won any awards, God can use and transform us into effective workers in His kingdom. "*I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength*" (Philippians 4:13). Society gives many accolades to those who succeed, but there is no greater honor or privilege than to be chosen as God's vehicle to spread the Gospel. As John states in his Gospel, it is Jesus Who does the choosing. "*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit*" (John 15:16).

So why does God elevate the foolish and the lowly to be His workers? A reason may be found in 1 Corinthians 1:29: "*so that no one may boast before Him.*" It is only by God's grace that we are saved, called, and equipped to be in His service. If we come into God's work with impressive credentials, we risk taking the glory and credit for ourselves. God desires the weak and the lowly. As Paul said, "*Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong*" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). God uses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. Are you ready for duty?

# August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	1 9am VBS	2 9am VBS 9:30am Quilting	3 9am VBS	4 9am VBS 11:30am VBS Closing Program & Lunch	5 Office Closed	6 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
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<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
August 6 7:00 PM Communion	Brad Anderson	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper		Debbie Holewinski	
August 7 9:00 AM	Keith Kentala	Jennifer Kasmarek	Dawn Shantz	Jan Toivonen	Vicki Holewinski Camera:
August 13 7:00 PM	Art Granat	Bob Merz	Kris Secord	Bonnie Jozowski	Jackie Pearce Camera:
August 14 9:00 AM Communion	Tim Kadlec	Paul Kurth Jennifer Kasmarek	Hilda Rozga	Rick Behrens	
August 20 7:00 PM Communion	Jim Bonson	Jim Harper Bob Merz	Kris Secord	Mary Malinsky	
August 21 9:00 AM	Tim Forss	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Holly Nier	Cindy Gauger	Camera:
August 27 7:00 PM	Pat Crum	Dave Parker Lynn Parker	Kris Secord	Pat Crum	Jackie Pearce Camera:
August 28 9:00 AM Communion	Brad Anderson	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz	Sue Kurth	Vicki Holewinski

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