

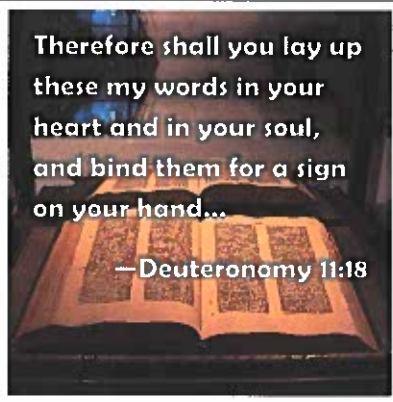
September 2022 Newsletter

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.



Therefore shall you lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign on your hand...

—Deuteronomy 11:18

September Memory Verse

You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand.

Deuteronomy 11:18

Church Staff:

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Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 1st, 7-7:50 am
1st Day of School Doughnuts & Blessings

Wednesday, September 7th, 5:30 pm
Confirmation Class Begins

Sunday, September 11th, 7:30 & 10 am
Backpack Blessing during worship

Sunday, September 11th, 8:45 am
Sunday School Rally Day for whole family, begins in fellowship hall

Children's Ministry Report (Birth-Grade 6) August 2022

Vacation Bible School –

We were blessed to serve 56 children at "Mystery Island" Vacation Bible School, August 1st-4th, from 9 am to noon each day. At "Mystery Island", we searched God's Word to learn the attributes of our amazing Creator God. We also learned that our greatest treasure is the salvation that is ours through Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Please continue to pray for the children and families that we served. Thank you to everyone who prayed for this outreach event!

THANK YOU to the 50+ volunteers who gave of their time and talents during VBS week! Thank you also to those who donated supplies, decorations, or helped in various ways before, during, and after our VBS week. Thank you to our group leaders who sent out follow-up postcards to the children in their group.

In response to God's great love for us, we were able to give offerings of \$2,700 (which includes a \$1350 matching gift) to Takenotsuka Lutheran Church in Tokyo, Japan. They will use these funds to print and distribute Japanese catechisms. We enjoyed a Zoom call with Pastor Emoto and his wife Heidi on Tuesday of VBS week. They gifted us with Japanese snacks and the banner that is currently in the sanctuary. The translation of the banner is "You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world". Please join us in prayer for our Christian brothers and sisters in Japan.

Many parents, grandparents, and friends came on Thursday, August 4th, at 11:30 am for our closing worship. Children shared songs and Bible verses that were learned during the week. We all enjoyed our final drama presentation. Thank you to Miriam Karll, Carolyn Gleisner, and Chris Hopp who prepared and served our wonderful Thursday lunch. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with VBS clean up.

Sunday School –

Curriculum – Our Enduring Faith curriculum Unit 1 Year 1 has arrived from CPH (Concordia Publishing House). We last studied Year 1 in the 2020-2021 school year which is a Bible overview. We skip approximately 4 lessons per unit so I will make sure we cover those lessons in the coming year.

Sunday School Staff – I will reach out to past teachers soon to see if they are interested in serving for the coming school year. Please invite new teachers and helpers to join us!

Rally Day – Our Sunday school year will begin on Sunday, September 11th, at 8:45 am. I plan to have families gather in the fellowship hall for snacks and a devotion before children meet teachers and friends. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome.

Mission Project – Our fall mission project will be Operation Christmas Child. OCC, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, sends shoe box gifts to children in need around the world. I will put up a display so families and individuals can shop and fill boxes at home. I will also ask for specific gift donations such as toothbrushes, new small toys, school supplies, etc. for a packing party during the Sunday school hour tentatively planned on November 6th. Shipping costs are \$10 per box. Go to www.samaritanaspurse.org for more information.

Doughnuts & Blessings – Pastor will be at church on the first day of school, Thursday, September 1st, starting at 7 am, giving out doughnuts and blessings. Stop by for this great way to start the school year!

Backpack Blessing – Our backpack blessing will take place on Sunday, September 11th, at both worship services. Pastor Kufahl will give children a special blessing for the school year and a backpack tag.

Children's Christmas Service – I've started reviewing possible children's Christmas service ideas. The tentative date is Sunday, December 18th, at the 10 am service.

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.

Family Curriculum – I'm reviewing a RightNow Media resource called "Talking with Your Kids about Jesus" by Natasha Crain. This six session course gives parents encouragement and practical tips for having intentional and meaningful faith conversations in the home. I think the sessions would develop into many good discussions for parents & grandparents with kids of all ages. Would this be something helpful in place of our Faith Legacy curriculum? I'd still like offer a Faith Alive Bible overview for 3rd graders and their parents.

Bibles & Catechisms – We currently give a picture Bible to children under the age of 5 and first Bibles (Faith Alive Bibles) to 3rd graders. CPH has other Bibles and updated children's catechisms available that we might like to purchase and give families.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Thursday 08/08/22 – 6:30pm @ Church

In Attendance: Rick Behrens, Carol Litchfield, Lynn Parker, 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 by Rick, 2nd from Carol. Passed Unanimously)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Presented current financials, Motioned to accept by Carol, 2nd from Lynn. Passed unanimously)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Pastor touched on this in our old business section)
6. Old business Items:
 1. Recruiting new people is ALWAYS on our business docket
 2. VBS takeaways from Aug 1-4th, 2022.
 3. Youth Leader Position updates (Pastor updated us on the different options available to us to fill our needs in that area. More updates to come after Pastor meets with another one of the candidates.)
 4. Ladies Bible Study (Carol- discussion about the "Measured by Grace" (Fritz- CPH) To start in the fall. No particular date set just yet. More to come.)
 5. Asheville Servant Event takeaways/ updates (Pastor)
7. New Business:
 1. Rally Day- Sept 11th 2022.
8. Next meeting: September 6th , 2022, 6:30pm @ Church
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Elders Meeting – August 10, 2022; 7 PM

Agenda:

1. Opening devotion
2. Circuit vacancy update
3. Youth leader update
4. Fall schedule
5. Delinquent members review - 2022
6. Closing

Attendees: Art, Ron, Pat C, Jim, Pastor, Keith, Tim Forss, Jacob

Notes:

- Pastor opened with prayer.
- Circuit update: Pastor is currently covering Grace in Three Lakes. The pastor at the Bundy congregation may take on Three Lakes for the remainder of the year. Mercer congregation has pastoral coverage through the summer.
- Our Savior youth group leader search currently underway, headed by Pastor and the Bd. Of Education. Several options are available and were discussed.
- We are in need of a choir director for this fall/winter. Pastor is in early discussions with a gentleman from the Wausau area who may be interested in this role.
- Delinquent members for the past 12 months were discussed. Several will be removed from membership due to self-exclusion.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The Exalted State of Servanthood

Martin Luther, the author of the Reformation which we celebrate the end of October, wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." Perhaps those two sentences appear at first to be contradictory. What Luther was trying to help us understand is that we, as Christians, are called to freedom from an obligation to serve, but that we are called to the freedom to serve joyfully.

This call to joyful servanthood is understood and often scoffed at, simply because we have confused servanthood with servitude. Servitude conveys the idea of bondage and even slavery. Servanthood, on the other hand, connotes voluntary service, joyful giving of ourselves, a willing choice to help others, and selfless commitment.

One who is involved in servitude serves unwillingly out of a sense of fear and has no hope of entering into a different state, while one involved in servanthood lives in an exalted state, a healthy and uplifting climate of helping others. Even though challenges must be overcome and problems may abound, the joy of servanthood is the overriding experience.

How do we get from a state of servitude to a state of servanthood? This transition is made when we properly understand the Word of God which clearly defines servanthood by explaining Christ's purpose in coming to Earth: ". . . *the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus has lived the perfect life of the servant in our places, so we no longer are constrained to try to "measure up" to what God expects. The Law never saves, never enables us, only shows us our shortcomings.

When we look at Christ, though, and how He lived His earthly life and what He has done for us, we are freed to respond with heartfelt, sincere, loving service to those He has placed around us. The acts of service we render are the same; the motivation and attitude are what make the difference. Through Christ, we are elevated to the exalted state of servanthood.

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2022

The meeting in September is scheduled for the 14th with the Board meeting at 10:30, followed by a luncheon at 11:30 and general membership meeting at 12 noon. The hostesses for September will be Donna Liedtke and Jan Toivonen. Christian Life will be read by Marianne Braun.

It's hard to believe it's September already. Plans for the Harvest dinner are well on the way. At our August meeting we passed around sign up sheets for the dinner. Don't worry if you didn't sign up-there are still some vacancies left. The dinner will be on October 30. Ticket prices will be \$15 with reduced prices for children. Tickets will go on sale the first Sunday in October. There will also be carry outs sold. People who have attended in the past can attest to the great tasting food. As with our other fundraisers, all money made will go to support missions locally, statewide, the United States, and to areas where disasters have struck. We also support a child in India for his schooling and room and board.

It's fall so planning will soon take place for the cookie walk which is usually held after the Children's Christmas program.

All women are invited to join Martha Society (LWML). If you would like to see what we're all about; come to a meeting and get more information.

Also, a reminder that the basket for stamps is in at the Welcome Center. We collect the stamps which are turned in at our LWML Rally, which then go to the National LWML to pay off missions. We thank you for your contribution.

See you in September,

Teri Kressin, President

Stamps for Missions – Martha Society

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League invites you to save postage stamps, especially during the holiday season and donate them for our mission goal.

Since 1995, Lutheran Women in Mission have been clipping, sorting, and sending cancelled postage stamps.

You can too. Just bring your trimmed cancelled postage stamps to us, then we sort and sell them in batches to collectors and dealers at shows and club auctions.

If you want to contribute to this ministry, here is what we look for:

1. All intact picture postcards. Do not cut off the stamps, we send the entire postcard.
2. All old (pre-1930) envelopes intact. Do not cut off the stamps.
3. All foreign stamps, large and small.
4. Large commemorative U.S. stamps
5. Small definitive (common) U.S. stamps (including USA nonprofit bulk stamps). Do NOT save Love, Flag, Bell or Christmas stamps. Save unused charity return mail stamps.
6. Any collections of stamps, save on sheets if possible and do not remove stamps from pages or albums.

If possible, stamps should be trimmed, leaving about ¼" margin around the stamp. Do not trim to touch perforations or stamps will be discarded.

Since 1995, a profit of \$623.33 a year (approx. \$52.00 a month) has been realized.

Please put stamps in our Stamp Basket in the entry by the coat racks.

Thank you for Helping!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	29	30 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	31	1 7am Doughnuts & Blessings	2 Office Closed	3 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
4 9am Sunday Worship	5	6 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	7 5:30pm Confirmation Class	8	9 Office Closed	10 7am Men's Bible Study
11 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm	12 5pm Evangelism Meeting	13 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	14 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha Meeting 5:30pm Confirmation Class	15	16 Office Closed	17 7am Men's Bible Study
18 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	19 9am Newsletter Articles Due	20 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	21 5:30pm Confirmation Class	22	23 Office Closed	24 7am Men's Bible Study
25 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm	26	27 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	28 5:30pm Confirmation Class	29	30 Office Closed	1 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>
September 3 7:00 PM Communion	Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper		Debbie Holewinski	Jackie Pearce
September 4 9:00 AM	Ron Hagen	Jennifer Kasmarek		Jan Toivonen	Vicki Holewinski
September 11 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Pat Grosse		Kris Secord	Camera:
September 11 10:00 AM Communion	Keith Kentala	Tim Forss Christian Forss		Priscilla Ellenberger	Camera:
September 18 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum	Bob Merz Sue Frank		Sue Frank	Camera:
September 18 10:00 AM	Pat Grosse	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter		Diane Kuntz	Camera:
September 25 7:30 AM	Tim Kadlec	Pat Grosse		Kris Secord	Vicki Holewinski
September 25 10:00 AM Communion	Jacob Husing	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth		Cindy Gauger	Camera:
IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!					