

## October 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.



### October Memory Verse

Fear not, for I am with you... I am your God, I will strengthen you (and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.)

*Isaiah 41:10*

### Church Staff:

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### Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 am  
Martha Society Harvest Dinner

Sunday, October 31<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 pm  
Trunk or Treat

## Children's Ministry Report (Birth-Grade 6) September 2022 (Update 9/12/22)

### Sunday School –

Rally Day – We filled the fellowship hall with families on Rally Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>! We welcomed four new families to our Sunday school. Our theme for the school year is Deuteronomy 11:18, which reminds us to keep God's Word in our daily lives. We had a skit, devotion, and family craft based on our theme verse. About 9:15 teachers and students moved to classrooms to get to know one another. Parents learned more about Sunday school and upcoming family events. Thank you to Sue, Carol, and Paul for their help with snacks!

Sunday School Staff – We have an amazing group of teachers for Sunday school! We will meet on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, to review safety, curriculum, and general procedures. Ages 2&3 – Emily Rottier, Kayden Halsey; 4-5-K – Karen Behrens, RJ Behrens; Grades 1&2 – Jen Kasmarek, Linda Stenschke; Grades 3&4 – Katrina Kadlec, Amy Kufahl; Grades 5&6 – Jaci Larsen, Holly Highstrom; Grades 7&8 Rick Behrens, Lynn Parker; Puppeteers – Vicki Holewinski, RJ Behrens; Openings/Music – Marlene Rieck; Substitute Teachers - Laura Lorenz, Carol Pluedeman, Jaclyn Halsey

Curriculum – This will be the third year of using the Enduring Faith Curriculum from Concordia Publishing House for kindergarten-grade 8. We are back to Year 1 – A Bible Overview. Each Sunday all grade levels (except ages 2 & 3) will study the same Bible account. Family activity sheets for each lesson will allow families to continue growing in God's Word throughout the week. Ages 2 & 3 will continue using Kingdom Quest by Kids Kount Publishing. Parents of 2 & 3 year olds can look for "God Talk" sheets to review lessons at home.

Memory Treasures – Bible verses from our curriculum were chosen for our memory verse for each month. Students in grades 1-8 receive Bible pins for memorizing each verse and parts of the Catechism.

Bible Reading Challenge – After some research, I have created a Bible reading passport for the first unit of our Sunday school curriculum that children can complete with their parents with a few incentives. The goal is to have children and families growing in faith through God's Word. After Unit 1 is completed the end of November, I will reevaluate the passport for Unit 2.

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. There is a display in the narthex 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 education hour on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Shipping costs are now \$10 per box. Go to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) for more information.

Christmas Service – Our children's Christmas service will be Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. The tentative plan is a service called "From the Cradle to the Cross" by Adele Bluhm, a former teacher of Pastor Kufahl's. Watch for a rehearsal schedule to be announced.

Paint Classrooms – Our 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms are the next two rooms to be painted in the lower level. Paint colors and theme suggestions are welcome!

### Family Ministry / Cradle Roll –

Doughnuts & Blessings – Pastor was at church on the first day of school, Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 7 am, giving out doughnuts and blessings. Thank you, Pastor!

Backpack Blessing – Thank you to all the children that participated in our backpack blessing on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Children received a backpack tag and parents received Bible verse cards to include in lunch boxes and bags to remind children that Jesus is always with them.

Bibles – Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders received their first Bibles and 2 & 3 year olds received their picture Bibles on Rally Day. Our Bible blessing will take place on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at both services. A Bible Blast-Off (or overview) will tentatively take place for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, during the education hour.

Family Curriculum – Pastor is 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. The sessions include helpful tips for parents with children of all ages.

**VBS 2023** – I ordered "Keepers of the Kingdom" VBS curriculum and supplies from Answers in Genesis for the summer of 2023. I took advantage of discounts and free shipping. We will still need to purchase t-shirts and digital music to share. This curriculum based on the Armor of God from Ephesians 6 looks like an outstanding theme and important topic for us! We still need to order t-shirts and the digital music for families.

## **Board of Christian Education Meeting**

**Monday 09/12/22 – 6:30pm @ Church**

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

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

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Pastor led with a devo)
2. Review minutes that were emailed to all after last meeting. (Emailed to all, Motion to accept from Lynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. Unanimously passed.)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick motioned to accept. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol. Passed unanimously.)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Alicia was available to run through some updates on Youth Group starting up. Pastor updated that Confirmation is under way and 12 students are in that.)
6. Old business Items:
  1. Recruiting new people is ALWAYS on our business docket
  2. Ladies Bible Study (Carol updated, and possibly the curriculum could be changing. Dates possibly coming for fall)
  3. Rally Day- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> (Takeaways from our rally day were discussed.)
7. New Business:
  1. Youth Group Welcome- (Sunday after Church doing a "Welcome" to Youth Group get-together. )
  2. Paintings of the 1-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms (Pastor gave some ideas for the murals in each room. (Feeding the 5000, Daniel & the lion's den, Jesus and the little children, Lighthouse)
8. Next meeting: October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm @ Church
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

## Elders Meeting – September 14, 2022; 7 PM

### Agenda:

1. Opening devotion
2. Circuit vacancy update
3. Membership rolls update: self-exclusion
4. Synod convention – July 2023
5. Youth leader(s) discussion
6. 2023 elections
7. Upcoming holiday(s) schedule
8. Vicarage program - 2023
9. Closing

Attendees: Art, Pat C, Pat G, Jim, Pastor, Keith, Jacob, Brad

### Notes:

- Pastor opened with devotion on Ezekiel and Psalm 23.
- Membership self-exclusion letters to be sent in September.
- Elders up for election was discussed. Those that are up will prayerfully consider this for the general church election in December.
- Youth leaders chosen from Camp Luther. Husband/wife team that live close to the church.
- Circuit openings: Rock of Ages pastor is supporting the Mercer congregation. Bundy and Three Lakes covered for the next 12 months by a newly retired pastor living in Antigo.
- Synod convention in Milwaukee in July 2023. Our circuit will combine with circuit 1 (western WI) for convention layperson and pastoral representation.
- Vicarage program discussed. Perhaps use for Three Lakes and Bundy vacancies. Pastor continuing to work on this for further discussion next month.
- Christmas Eve services will be held at 3 and 5 PM. One 9 AM service on Christmas Day.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

# Board of Evangelism Meeting

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12 September 2022

## ATTENDEES

Pastor Kufahl, Jim & Gloria Harper, Pat & Jan Grosse, Gary Fawcett, Greg Highstrom, Jim Schmidt.

## AGENDA

### New Business

#### Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held on Monday October 31st from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The popcorn will be prepared Monday morning at 9:00 am. Congregational members are invited and encouraged to participate and dress for the occasion!

2 cases of popcorn will be needed...Pastor Kufahl volunteered to pick them up.

4 bottles of apple cider will be needed...Pat & Jan Grosse volunteered to pick them up. Cocoa mix is on hand and coffee will be made and available.

Gloria Harper will prepare the brochures to hand out to the local businesses, and the announcement for the church bulletin. Jim Harper will supply the propane bottles for the outdoor heaters.

#### Vilas Food Pantry Food Drive

The food drive/Loaves and Fishes event scheduled for November has been moved to October, as there is a need for donations at this time. However, we are encouraging cash donations so that the food pantry has more buying power to purchase the food items they currently need.

#### Veterans Recognition Event

Veterans Recognition event is scheduled for Sunday, November 13th. Veterans will be recognized in the church bulletin and newsletter.

#### Northwoods Share Dinner

The Northwoods Share Dinner is scheduled for February 21st, 2023, and Our Savior has been requested to provide a meal for that dinner. This will be a **sit-down** dinner, so servers will be needed. Members of the congregation are encouraged to participate in this event, as help will be needed. Jim Harper will coordinate the meal and caterer. The congregational youth are invited and encouraged to volunteer to serve for this event.

**Next Board of Evangelism meeting is October 3rd, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

## Humble Stewards

As stewards, we are the recipients and caretakers of God's goodness, love, mercy, and grace. Stewards are managers of God's creation. We acknowledge God as the owner; therefore, we are to act not as owners but as managers because our lives and resources are simply on loan from Him.

The book of Daniel gives an account of a man who failed to recognize God as Creator and provider and exalted himself. King Nebuchadnezzar, walking on the roof of "his" royal palace, surveying "his" kingdom, was overcome by pride as he announced, "*Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty*" (Daniel 4:30)? He thought he was asking a rhetorical question, but God condemned him to live like an animal as a consequence of his pride.

Pride is destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all His kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Pride has no place in the life of a servant. First Peter 5:6 reads, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that He may lift you up in due time." It is God alone Who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ Himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled Himself, should we not follow His example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled Himself, God exalted Him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: "*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him*" (Psalm 8:3-4)? The inference is that we are insignificant, yet David goes on to remind us of what we can be proud: "*You made [us] ruler over the works of Your hands; You put everything under [our] feet.*"

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. In the words of Martin Luther, humility is the decision to "let God be God". We are stewards through humility. We are to honor Him with what we have, what we are, and what He will make of us.

# Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2022

Welcome to fall, bright colors, the smell of wood fires, sweatshirts and jeans, football games and the Harvest Dinner.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 12. The Board meeting will be held at 10:30, luncheon at 11:30 and general membership meeting at 12 noon. Hostesses for this meeting are the officers and the menu will be pizzas, salad, and dessert. Christian life will be presented by Donna Liedtke.

There will be a meeting of the Harvest Dinner Committee on Friday, September 16 at 9 AM at church. Tickets for the dinner, to be held on Sunday, October 30, will be sold starting October 2 in between and after late service. Prices are \$15 for adult, age 4-10 will be \$5, and under 4 is free. Look for the posters which will have the menu on it. There will also be carryouts. Keep that date open. Ladies, you won't have to cook. This is one of our major fundraisers of the year.

We're also discussing the annual Christmas luncheon. It was decided that we would like to invite the entire congregation. The next step is finding a place that will accommodate us and is something we can afford to rent. Diana Sell agreed to co-chair along with Donna Liedtke and Sue Kurth. We will have more people sign up at our October meeting.

One of our missions is our child from India. We support him through India Transformed. We pay over \$400 dollars a year which provides room and board for him through the school. The idea is to offer these children a chance at a better education that they can graduate and help others in India to have a better education and become Christians. We also send money for his birthdays and holidays.

**JUST A REMINDER TO SAVE STAMPS AND POST CARDS. JAN TOIVONEN HAD A REMINDER AND EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER. THIS PROGRAM IS SO IMPORTANT TO LWML TO RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT MISSIONS.**

As a reminder all women of our congregation are invited to join. Come visit at a meeting, held the second Wednesday of the month and see what we do. Would love to have you!

Right now we have a desperate need for quilters. The quilters meet every Tuesday at 9:00. You don't have to know how to sew, just how to tie a knot. For more information talk to Karla Lokker or Donna Liedtke.

God Bless each of you,

Teri Kressin

President

# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 7am Men's Bible Study 10am Circuit Forum
2 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	3 5pm Evangelism Meeting	4 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 6pm JuBELLation 7:15pm Choir	5 4:40pm Children's Choir 5:30pm Confirmation Class 6:45pm Board of Education Meeting	6 Office Closed	7 Office Closed	8 7am Men's Bible Study
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<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
October 2 7:30 AM Communion	Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper		Debbie Holewinski	
Acolyte:					
October 2 10:00 AM	Ron Hagen	Dave Parker Lynn Parker	Lynn Parker	Rick Behrens	Camera:
Acolyte:					
October 9 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Chuck Healy Karia Healy		Kris Secord	Camera:
Acolyte:					
October 9 10:00 AM Communion	Tim Forss	Pat Grosse Christain Forss	Hilda Rozga	Marianne Braun	
Acolyte:					
October 16 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum	Bob Merz Sue Frank		Sue Frank	
Acolyte:					
October 16 10:00 AM	Brad Anderson	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Holly Nier	Priscilla Ellenberger	Camera:
Acolyte:					
October 23 7:30 AM	Keith Kentala	Pat Grosse		Bonnie Jozowski	Camera:
Acolyte:					
October 23 10:00 AM Communion	Tim Kadlec	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Hilda Rozga	Sue Kurth	
Acolyte:					

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

<b>October 30</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	Jim Bonson	Chuck Healy Karla Healy	Vicki Holewinski	
<b>Communion</b>					<b>Camera:</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>					
<b>October 30</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Pat Grosse	Jennifer Kasmarek Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz Cindy Gauger	
<b>Communion</b>					
<b>Acolyte:</b>					