

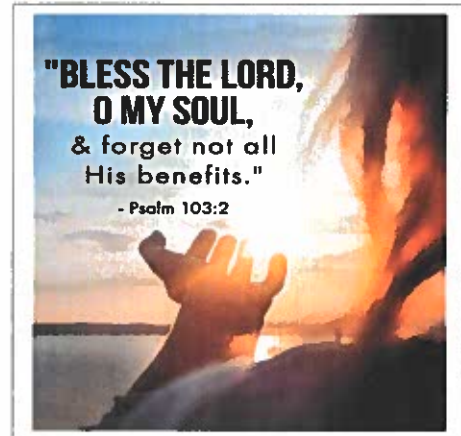
November 2022 Newsletter

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.



November Memory Verse

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Psalm 103:2,4

Church Staff:

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Vicki Holewinski, JuBELLation Director

Tim Kadlec, Congregational President

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 6th at 8:45 am
OCC Packing Party

Thursday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm
Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Communion

Wednesday, November 30th, December 7th & 14th at 7:00 pm
Advent Services

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

Sunday School

Sunday School Staff – We have an amazing group of teachers for Sunday school! 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, Tim Kadlec

Curriculum – This is 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. The family activity sheets for each lesson are emailed each Monday and hard copies are available at church. These sheets give lesson follow-up ideas for families. For ages 2 & 3 we use Kingdom Quest curriculum by Kids Kount Publishing. Parents of 2 & 3 year olds are given and emailed "God Talk" sheets to use at home to review the lesson.

Mission Project – Operation Christmas Child sends shoe box gifts to children in need around the world. Please consider shopping for school supplies, toothbrushes/hairbrushes & combs, and new toys for our packing party on Sunday, November 6th. Just a reminder that we cannot send candy, food, or toothpaste. Families and individuals are welcome to fill boxes at home or online. Shipping costs are \$10 per box. The \$10 includes the cost of a Bible book that is packed in each box. Many of the children who receive a box will have the opportunity to attend a Bible class. Go to www.samaritanspurse.org for more information. Boxes will be blessed on Sunday, November 13th before starting on their journey.

Birthday Celebrations – Children receive a card, bookmark, and small gift on their birthdays. We also recognize Baptism birthdays during music time. Holly Nier will be preparing the cards & gifts for the children.

Singing for Worship – Students, grades 1-8, are invited to sing for worship on Sunday, October 23rd, at the 10 am service.

Bible Reading Challenge – Students in kindergarten-grade 8 received a Bible reading challenge for their first unit of Sunday school. Each week students read the Bible account they studied in Sunday school and complete their choice of follow-up activities. They return the passport to teachers for a stamp and Bible buck. After Unit 1 is completed the end of November, we will evaluate the challenge for Unit 2.

Children's Choir – Our children's choir meets on Wednesdays from 4:40-5:15 pm. We have an awesome group of singers ready to praise the Lord! We are preparing music for worship as well as learning music for the Christmas service.

Christmas Service – Our children's Christmas service, "From the Manger to the Cross" will be held on Sunday, December 18th, at 10 am. Through drama, special music, and Scripture, the children will share how Christmas and Easter are connected. Jesus came that first Christmas, to live, die on Good Friday, and rise again on Easter so that we are loved and forgiven children of God! We will rehearse on Sunday mornings and two special rehearsals: Wednesday, November 30th, 3:50-5 pm & Saturday, December 17th, 9-11 am. Special thanks to Carol Litchfield for all her work on the script!

Family Ministry / Cradle Roll –

WOW/Word on Wednesday (5th/6th graders) – Our 5th/6th graders began meeting for WOW on Wednesdays from 4-4:30 pm. We pray this time in God's Word is a blessing!

Bible Blessing – Our Bible blessing event took place on Sunday, September 25th, at both worship services. Thank you to all those that participated!

College Students – I reached out to families with college students to update addresses. Any suggestions to encourage our college students are appreciated!

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!

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Monday 10/05/22 – 6:45pm @ Church

IN ATTENDANCE: Rick Behrens, Carol Litchfield, Sue Kurth, Pastor Kufahl, Marlene Rieck, Lynn Parker

MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (led by Rick)
2. Review minutes that were emailed to all after last meeting.(motion to accept Lynn, 2nd Sue, passed)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick presented the report. Motion to accept by Rick, 2nd Sue. Passed)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Alicia reported and William stopped by, to update that the first youth groups went great , with both middle school (6 in attendance) and high school (8 in attendance))
6. Old Business items:
 1. Paintings of the 1-2nd grade and 3-4th grade classrooms (Most likely to paint background/base coat over Christmas break. Looking into design ideas including decals)
 2. Recruiting new board members is ALWAYS on our minds!
 3. Ladies Bible study (Carol and Marlene originally planned to start in fall, but are reconsidering that to start in winter going into spring, due to holiday busy times)
7. New Business items:
 1. 2023 Budget (Rick presented and discussion was had as to the areas of the budget that would increase or decrease. Motion made by Rick to accept, 2nd by Carol. Passed.)
 2. Trunk or Treat (Discussion about ideas for our board to add to an informational table about Our Savior accessible by families during T or T. Pastor is going to look into a banner for multiple use)
8. Next meeting: November 2nd @ 6:45pm @ Church
9. Close with the Prayer (Pastor led)

Elders Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2022; 7-8 PM

Agenda:

1. Opening devotion
2. October 16 Pastoral service coverage
3. Circuit vacancy update
4. Membership rolls update: self-exclusion letter
5. Elder Service coverage; Dec 10 (Saturday Cantata) and Dec 18 Sunday late service (Husing sub)
6. 2023 Budget
7. 2023 Vicarage program update
8. 2023 Elections
9. Closing

Attendees: Pastor, Art, Pat Crum, Keith, Ron, Pat Grosse, Jim

Notes:

- Pastor opened with devotion from Psalm 119.
- Pastor Holoubek will cover on Sunday, October 16. Door offering will taken for LWML Sunday.
- Vacancy update: Three Lakes and Bundy coverage continues with retired Pastor from Antigo area.
- Potential 2023 vicarage program was further discussed. Pastor working on next steps to be able to offer this to the congregation during the December voters meeting.
- Advent services will be at 7 PM. Elder on duty the Sunday prior will elder mid-week as well.
- 2023 Elder's budget discussed and agreed to. It will be forwarded to the 2023 church budget team for the upcoming voters meeting in December.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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Board of Evangelism Meeting

03 October 2022 / 5:00 pm

ATTENDEES

Jim and Gloria Harper, Marlene Rieck, Greg Highstrom, and Pat & Jan Grosse.

Old Business

Trunk or Treat is scheduled, and is a GO for Monday, October 31st. The Chamber will put an event on the electronic bulletin board; the newspaper will run the event in their paper; flyers will be placed around town in Eagle River and in Phelps. Request that all EVB members be at the church at 9:00 am on Monday October 31st to pop and bag the popcorn; set up the refreshments and stage the serving equipment. Please return at 3:00 pm to set up tables and refreshments. Trunk or Treat starts at 4:00 pm and runs to 6:00 pm.

Veteran's Day is Friday November 11th, but the congregational recognition will take place on Sunday, November the 13th. Gift cards for the veterans will be purchased at Pic & Save this year.

New Business

A request will be made to the congregation for support and sponsorship for the weekly radio message by Pastor Kufahl. The request will be placed in the church bulletin and on the overhead screen. The sign-up sheet will remain on the hallway bulletin for the same.

Information for the radio message, Time of Grace, will be placed in a slot in the trac-rac, in the church hallway for members to read.

Next month's meeting: November 7th, same time, same place.

Part of God's Plan

"In those days . . ." So begins a well-known passage of Scripture. Do you know what comes next? *"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree . . ."* (Luke 2:1). Some of us can quote the whole story by heart. Even though we've heard it year after year, some of us for many years, the story is still precious to hear, still warms our souls, still excites our minds, still calms our fears.

Two seemingly inconsequential people of little means obeyed that decree and traveled to the town of Bethlehem to register for the census. The woman, Mary, was about to have a child. She knew that her child was the Son of God, a child to be named Jesus. Joseph, her husband, knew he was not the father of the child, although that was how the world saw him. These were two of God's faithful. They knew the prophecies regarding the Messiah. They had been visited by the angel and learned that they were to be part of the fulfillment of those prophecies. They didn't know how things would turn out. They didn't know all that God had in store for them. They just *"obey[ed their] rulers and submitted to their authority"* (Hebrews 13:17) as they trusted God to guide and protect them and His Son each step they took on His path.

Of course, God did just that. He provided a place for the Child to be born (Luke 2:7). He sent angels to announce the birth of the King and moved the shepherds to respond to the joyful news and go to worship the new Baby (Luke 2:8-20). He sent *"Magi from the East"* who brought *"gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh"* and then believed the warning God gave them in a dream and avoided the evil King Herod on their return trip (Matthew 2:1-12).

How many of these people involved in this most wondrous story realized the important and memorable parts they played? We cannot say for sure but surmise none could really comprehend the eternal significance of the events as they unfolded.

We, too, are involved in God's plans. Certainly none can equal in importance the birth of Christ, but nothing God does is without purpose. Are we listening for the voice of the Spirit as He speaks to us through God's Word? Are we, as we go about our daily routines, obeying our rulers, cognizant of being God's feet and hands and voice to carry out His plan? Do we bring our gifts, aware that God may use them according to a purpose we can't even imagine? How exciting it is to think and know that we are God's instruments! What a loss of blessing to us if we refuse to let God use us and another gets the opportunity instead (Esther 4:14)!

As we live out our daily lives as stewards, *"let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith . . . so that we will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrews 12:2-3), but instead look forward with eagerness and anticipation toward the unfolding of God's plan in our lives.

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.

Martha Society is again hosting a congregational Christmas party on Wednesday December 7th at Eagle Waters Resort. More information to follow.

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

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm 11:15am Harvest Dinner	31 4pm Trunk or Treat	1 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 6pm JuBELLation 7pm Cantata Choir 7:45pm Choir	2 4pm 5th/6th Grade W.O.W. 4:30pm Children's Choir 5pm Grades 5-8 Hand Chime Rehearsal 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm HS Youth Group	3	4 Office Closed	5 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>
November 6 7:30 AM Communion	Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper		Debbie Holewinski	Jackie Pearce
Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
November 6 10:00 AM	Keith Kentala	Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Jan Toivonen	Shele Fawcett
Acolyte: Jack Westfall				Camera:	
November 13 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Pat Grosse		Mary Malinsky	Vicki Holewinski
Acolyte: Connor Clark				Camera:	
November 13 10:00 AM Communion	Tim Kadlec	Tim Forss Christian Forss		Marianne Braun	
Acolyte: Ellie Wilson					
November 20 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum	Bob Merz Sue Frank		Vicki Holewinski	
Acolyte: Izzy Stenschke					
November 20 10:00 AM	Tim Forss	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter		Priscilla Ellenberger	Dawn Lauber
Acolyte: Samantha Aschenbrenner				Camera:	
November 23 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Communion	Jacob Husing	Chuck Healy Karla Healy			Jackie Pearce
				Camera:	

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

November 27	7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Jennifer Kasmarek	Bonnie Jozwowski	
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Emily Sauer				Camera:
November 27	10:00 AM	Brad Anderson	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Rick Behrens	Jackie Pearce
	Communion				
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Naomi Kadlec				
November 30	6:30 PM	Brad Anderson			
	Advent				