

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.



January Memory Verse

Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39

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*A Blessed
New Year
to All!*

Annual Voters Meeting Minutes
Sunday, December 4, 2022 @ 11:15 am

1. Meeting called to order at 11:07 by Tim Kadlec.
2. Pastor Kufahl – opened with a devotion and prayer
3. Roll call taken by attendance sheet: Keith Kentala, Donna Timm, David Warfel, Anthony Bentley, Sue Schmidt, Jim Schmidt, Michelle Fawcett, Gary Fawcett, Brad Anderson, Tara Anderson, Bill Hassey, Karen Hassey, Tom Timm, Tim Forss, Tori Forss, Mike Bolf, Al Barden, Paul Kurth, Jerry Kurth, Susan Kurth, Grant Meyer, Art Granat, Jim Harper, Janice Grosse, Jan Toivonen, Sally Gibbs, Don Secord, Kristy Secord, Rick Behrens, Donn Gauger, Cindy Gauger, Pastor Kufahl, Ron Hagen, Marlene Rieck, Carol Litchfield, Lori Scafaro, Dan Scafaro, Nancy Steinhage, Pat Crum, Cole Crum, Joseph Steinhage, Greg Highstrom, Jean Walker, Tim Kadlec, Patrick Grosse, Holly Highstrom, Mary Steckling
4. Minutes from last year's meeting. Gary Fawcett made a motion to accept the minutes from last year. Second by Bill Hassey. Motion passed
5. Treasurer report – Donna Timm – Donna went over the P&L report. Receipts are higher than expenses. Everything is looking good for our budget this year. No questions.
6. Pastor Kufahl – New members about 16 households this year. We will be having new member classes. We have completed our photo directory, thanks to Carol Litchfield. Bible classes are growing which is incredible. 17 shut in members at this time. Elders are doing a good job of helping with the visits. Blessed with William and Alicia Jackson to help with our youth. We are not looking into continuing with the DCE program because of William and Alicia being on board. Looking forward the art pieces we have commissioned. I am not only the pastor here but also the circuit visitor pastor. There is a shortage of pastors. We added a security system this year, we can lock and unlock the door from our offices. Do not be offended if the doors are locked if you stop. We are still looking to get painting done, bathrooms repaired, new lighting. Hard to get things done in this broken world we live in. New chairs in fellowship hall were donated by a member.
7. Questions for the boards: Jim Harper, Evangelism committee – there is a community dinner at The Rock in February and we need help to serve this.
8. New Business:
 - a. 2023 Budget – Donna Timm – Donna went over the current and proposed budget. Slight increase (6%) from 2022 budget. No expenses for DCE Intern this year, but we have included expenses for the vicarage program we are looking into. Motion by Art Granat. Second Brad Anderson. Passed
 - b. Nominations – Keith Kentala – Keith went over the roster of elected officials. Still in need of someone to chair the Endowment committee. No additions at this time. Motion by Rick to close the nominations. Gary Second. Motion by Rick B to accept the nominations. Jerry Kurth second. Passed
 - c. Vicarage Program – Pastor Kufahl – Shortage of pastors all over. Not enough work here for a DCE Intern, which is why Board of Education went to Camp Luther for a youth leader. The thought is to have a vicar that would help out here and the churches in our circuit with the pastoral shortage we have. Our Savior would not foot the bill entirely, it would be shared with the other 2 churches. The demand for vicars is great, but there is also a shortage of vicars available. The seminary places the vicar, we do not have a say. Jim Harper motioned. Jim Schmidt second. Passed
 - d. Disaster Training – Waiting for more training sessions to be scheduled.
 - e. Synodical Convention – Currently, because of the numbers of the district being low, we've been combined with another circuit church so that the numbers are higher. Synodical Convention is in Milwaukee in summer 2023. Does anyone have any names to add to the roster? President Harrison is the current president. Motion by Keith Kentala. Second by Dave Warfel to vote for President Harrison. Passed
9. Tim Kadlec – it's been a joy working as president the past 2 years.

Motion to adjourn by Tony Bentley. Second by Brad Anderson. Passed. Adjourned at 12:05. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Walker
Council Secretary

A New Year – New Opportunities

Each new day brings promise of a new start. For many, the start of a new week is the time to begin that diet, get serious about exercising, or forego TV viewing. For a vast majority, though, there's something especially motivating and invigorating about seeing the JANUARY calendar on the wall. This is the year we'll accomplish great things.

God doesn't necessarily call us to do great things, however. He asks that we be trustworthy in small things (Luke 16:10-11). To that end He gives us gifts to use to build up the Body of Christ and to reach out to the lost.

Some of us have many gifts. People like Michelangelo – painter, sculptor, and poet – and Thomas Jefferson – architect, statesman, and scientific farmer – come to mind. God, the Giver of gifts, knows that the number of gifts each of us has varies. Jesus told the Parable of the Talents pointing up this fact and teaching us that success lies in using what we've been given, not in having the greatest amount.

Our gifts also differ in degree. There are many sculptors but few, if any, compare to Michelangelo. Yet their art can bring satisfaction and inspiration to others. You may not be able to sing opera, but you can sing God's praises. You may not be a great orator, but you can witness to the love and grace of God in Christ. You may not be a mechanic, but you can provide transportation for someone needing to get to an appointment or to church.

That's why God gives us gifts and abilities – that we may be equipped to serve others. The start of a new year offers us an opportune time to assess those gifts and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of His people. The motivation to do this comes from the same One Who gave the gifts! Just as He was motivated by love for us to give us, not just our gifts, but His greatest gift, His Son, so we are motivated by love for Him to serve those He calls us to serve.

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

JANUARY 2023

Our first meeting of the new year will be on January 11. The Board meeting starts at 10:30 followed by lunch at 11:30. The general meeting starts at 12:00 noon. Our hostesses for the meeting are Angie Koritz, Donna Liedtke, and Jan Toivonen.

We will be saying goodbye to our treasurer of many year, Karla Lokker, and welcoming our new one, Donna Liedtke. Donna has served in many different roles in Martha.

We have many different topics to discuss at our meeting. First of all, we will be winding up business from 2022. We held our Christmas Congregational party at Eagle Waters in December. The decorations were beautiful, and the food was great. We received many compliments. Gifts were handed out to our Administrative staff. Many thanks to the Christmas committee and especially Diana Sell and Sue Kurth. Excellent party ladies.

After the Christmas program, which was beautiful, we held our annual cookie walk, which was a huge success. Thank all of you who baked and donated their cookies. Also, a special thanks to those hard workers. You are so appreciated.

We still have spots open for hostesses for 2023. We'll discuss further at the meeting.

We'll be discussing our Mission List for 2022 and how much money we can donate to each mission. Lists will be passed out to each member.

Other items to be discussed will be the LWML convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June. Workers are still needed and I have the forms to fill out. Workers will get a discount. I'm attending as the delegate for our district and Donna Liedtke is my alternate. This convention is literally in our backyard and our district is co-hosting it. More will be discussed as we get more information.

Again, thank you to the members of Martha Society who have worked so hard in 2022 to make our fund raisers such a success in order for us to give to our missions. Also, each member of our church is welcome to visit one of our meetings and join our group. I should clarify that it has to be a woman member!

Teri Kressin

President

Date/Service	Elders	Ushers	Greeters	Readers	Media Operators
January 1 7:30 AM Communion	Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper	Kris Secord Debbie Holewinski	Debbie Holewinski	
Acolyte: Connor Clark					
January 1 10:00 AM	Keith Kentala	David Parker Lynn Parker	Lynn Parker	Cindy Gauger	Camera:
Acolyte: Ellie Wilson					
January 8 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Chuck Healy Karla Healy		Mary Malinsky	Camera:
Acolyte: Izzy Stenschke					
January 8 10:00 AM Communion	Tim Forss	Jennifer Kasmarek Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz	Sue Kurth	
Acolyte: Samantha Aschenbrenner					
January 15 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum	Bob Merz Sue Frank		Sue Frank	
Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
January 15 10:00 AM	Brad Anderson	Andy Ellenberger	Hilda Rozga	Priscilla Ellenberger	Camera:
Acolyte: Naomi Kadlec					
January 22 7:30 AM	Keith Kentala	Jim Bonson		Bonnie Jozzowski	Camera:
Acolyte: Connor Clark					
January 22 10:00 AM Communion	Tim Kadlec	Grant Meyer Gerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz	Diane Kuntz	
Acolyte: Kamryn Boehm					

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

January 29 7:30 AM Communion Acolyte: Izzy Stenschke	Jim Bonson 	Chuck Healy Karla Healy 	 	Pat Crum 	
January 29 10:00 AM Communion Acolyte: Hannah Forss	Keith Kentala 	Tim Forss Christian Forss 	Holly Nier 	Rick Behrens 	

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30am Early Service 10am Late Service	2	3 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	4 4pm 5th/6th Grade W.O.W. 5:30pm Confirmation 6:45pm Board of Education Meeting 7pm High School Youth Group	5	6 Office Closed	7 7am Men's Bible Study
8 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	9	10 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	11 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha Meeting 4pm 5th/6th Grade W.O.W. 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm High School Youth Group	12	13 Office Closed	14 7am Men's Bible Study
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