

## June 2023 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.



### June Memory Verse

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.  
*Isaiah 26:3*

### Church Staff:

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### Upcoming Events:

Summer Worship Schedule  
Saturdays at 7:00 pm  
Sundays at 9:00 am

Appalachian Servant Event  
Asheville, North Carolina  
July 7-20

Keepers of the Kingdom Vacation Bible School  
July 24-27, 9 am-Noon

## Children's Ministry Report (Birth-Grade 6) May 2023

### Sunday School –

Spring Mission Project – We continue to collect offerings for the LC-MS World Relief and Human Care. Our offerings will be used to help those who have experienced natural and man-made disasters. To learn more, go to [lcms.org/mercy](http://lcms.org/mercy). Thank you!

Bible Reading Challenge – The last day for our students to turn in Bible reading charts is May 14<sup>th</sup>. After every 20 minutes of reading, students receive a Bible buck. \$1 is donated to our current mission project for every 20 minutes that is read.

**Total for mission project: \$111** (\$191 sent to LHF)

We are having a boy/girl competition to see who will take a pie to the face on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Totals so far: BOYS 3,240 minutes GIRLS 2,800 minutes**

Easter Musical – Thank you to our students in grades 1-8 who participated in our Easter musical on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for the tremendous job you did sharing the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection to give us new life in Him each day and for eternity!

Junior Choir & Chime Choir – Thank you to our students who participated in choir and chimes this school year! Thank you for the beautiful job on confirmation!

Singing in Worship – Our preK & kindergarten children will sing for worship on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at the 10 am service.

Last Day of Sunday School – Our last day of Sunday school will be Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, with the pie in the face, the Bible buck store, and special teacher planned activities.

Thank you to our amazing Sunday school staff! Shepherds: RJ Behrens, Karen Behrens, Rick Behrens, Kayden Halsey, Holly Highstrom, Katrina Kadlec, Jennifer Kasmarek, Amy Kufahl, Jaci Larsen, Lynn Parker, Emily Rottier-Douangmala, Linda Stenschke Puppeteers: RJ Behrens, Vicki Holewinski Openings/Music: Marlene Rieck Music: Christy Kunze Substitute Shepherds: Jaclyn Halsey, Greg Highstrom, Tim Kadlec, Christy Kunze, Carol Pluedeman Bible Buck Store: Sherri Congleton, Laura Lorenz, Linda Stenschke

### Family Ministry / Cradle Roll –

Chapel for Home School Families – Thank you to those who were able to attend our home school chapel on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Our next chapel will be Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 11 am.

### Vacation Bible School –

"Keepers of the Kingdom" Vacation Bible School will be held July 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon each day for children ages 3-12. Registration is open and can be accessed on our website. We have 32 students pre-registered so far. A postcard invite was sent to former participants and current church families. A reminder registration link is included in weekly Sunday school emails.

At Keepers of the Kingdom VBS, children will learn how they are part of God's kingdom through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God's Son. God equips us with His armor to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for Truth. Throughout the week we will focus on each piece of the Armor of God from Ephesians 6.

The four daily themes will be: Monday-Two Kingdoms & the Belt of Truth; Tuesday-The Breastplate and Shoes; Wednesday-The Shield and Helmet; Thursday-The Sword & Prayer

Drama - We will have the much-anticipated daily drama each day with two scenes presented on Thursday. Laura Campbell is directing our drama team of six individuals. We will be able to borrow medieval dresses from Northland Pines High School for the female actors. Donna Liedtke will be our costume coordinator to help with our more elaborate costumes.

VBS Staff - We have an amazing group of volunteers! Snacks - I've met with Carla Klein and we have created a tentative snack plan. She is creating a food sign-up sheet to help offset costs. Science & Crafts - Tori Forss and I will meet about crafts soon. Bible teaching - I'm revising Bible lessons which will be given to Pastor and then to our Bible teachers Jaclyn Halsey and Katrina Kadlec. Games – Jill Geoffroy (grades 1-6) and Laura Lorenz (ages 3-6) will be our game leaders. Music – I'll be leading music but I hope to recruit young people to help. New this year, Amy Kufahl will be our prayer coordinator. She will choose ways to encourage prayer for our children and support our VBS team.

Decorations – Carol Litchfield and I have been discussing decorating ideas for our entryway and narthex. I'm seeking someone to make team sign holders for our sanctuary.

Missions – Our VBS mission project will be the Vilas Food Pantry. We will collect monetary donations through the week and have our anticipated boy/girl challenge.

A closing program and lunch are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am.

## **Elders Meeting – May 10, 2023; 7-8 PM**

### **Agenda:**

1. Opening devotion
2. Elder Service Training
3. Shut-in visits/Elder assistance
4. General discussion, open topics
5. Closing

**Attendees:** Jim, Brad, Art, Ron, Keith, Pastor

### **Notes:**

- Pastor opened with prayer.
- Shut in visits were discussed, and how the elders may assist in this endeavor. A prayer service was suggested for the elder to share with the shut in. Pastor will pull this together for next month's meeting.
- Updated video system for church service was discussed.
- Pat Grosse is the elder on duty for Pastoral support for the month of May.
- New membership requests are on the increase. Pastor is handling on his end.
- Pastor walked the elders through the order of service in the event an elder lay service would be needed in the future.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## **Board of Christian Education Meeting**

**Tuesday 5/9/23 – 6:00pm @ Church**

**In Attendance: Rick Behrens, Sue Kurth, Carol Litchfield, Marlene Rieck, Pastor Kufahl,  
and Lynn Parker (Phone in)**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional(Led by Rick)
2. Review minutes that were emailed to all after last meeting. (Motion by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn. Passed unanimously.)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Motioned by Carol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. Passed unanimously)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Pastor spoke about confirmation. Youth group is hoping to continue through summer, and is changing by inviting the junior high youth group to join with the senior high. WOW is done for the season)
6. Old Business items:
  1. Recruiting new board members is ALWAYS on our minds!
  2. Graduation Recognition- June 4, 2023 @ 9am. Slideshow, gifts for grads. Seniors include: Hunter Behnke, Emily Rottier- Douangmala, Krystal Kasmarek, Russell Klein, Gaige Marien
  3. Asheville Servant Event- July 7-20<sup>th</sup> Updates
  4. Youth Room/Lower Level Rooms- Removal of unused/unnecessary items, reminder of respect of those rooms/areas and their contents
7. New Business items:
  1. TBD (Discussion during our meeting covered any new business items. Nothing to add.)
8. Next meeting: Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2023, 6pm @ Church
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

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# Board of Evangelism

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May 8, 2023

## ATTENDEES

Jim Harper, Greg Highstrom, Marlene Rieck, Ron Ritzer, Jim Schmidt, Gary Fawcett, Joe Sanfilippo and Pat and Jan Grosse.

## AGENDA

### New Business

- The outdoor worship service scheduled for June 11, 2023 has been canceled. Greg Highstrom is researching an alternative event to be scheduled in the near future. The findings will be presented to the Evangelism Board for review and appropriate action.
- Board members Jim Schmidt, Gary Fawcett and Greg Highstrom are researching and compiling a list of suggestions for the July 4th parade participation. Their findings will be presented to the Board for review and appropriate action.
- Gregg Highstrom introduced a program called Compassion International. This program allows people to sponsor a child in a foreign country. The money donated is used for food, clothing and education.

***Next Board of Evangelism meeting is: June 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.***

## Money and the Great Commission

Jesus' parting command was: "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*" (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with His mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere. He has given us our marching orders, and, in His strength, we can give ourselves fully to His work.

Because God has chosen to use us as His tools to bring salvation to all people, we must use our lives and gifts to spread the Good News. Paul wrote, "*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us*" (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the tools that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, "Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible." Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus' command to reach out to all people. Paul wrote that, through our giving, we "*test the sincerity of [our] love by comparing it with the earnestness of others*" (2 Corinthians 8:8).

For nonbelievers and those who lack spiritual maturity, the giving of money is done begrudgingly out of a sense of obligation. By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a "want to" rather than a "got to" give. We view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel through our money. Our giving expresses our gratitude for who God is and all that He has done for through His Son. Through faith, we hold onto our money loosely and then are privileged to experience the joy of giving as we give God our first and best. As Christians we understand that God has a claim on all that we have, so we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God's love. Money is an important tool for God's mission. Through our faithful giving, we are able to leverage our witnessing to all people.

# Martha Society News

## MARTHA SOCIETY

JUNE 2023

The June meeting will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, which is also Flag day. Display your American flag proudly this day. The Board meeting starts at 10:30 followed by a luncheon at 11:30. The meeting will start at 12:00. Hostesses for June are Kathy Greif, Sue Kurth, and Diana Sell. Christian life will be presented by Donna Liedtke.

We will get an update on our Salad luncheon/card party. Thank all of you Martha ladies who worked so hard to make this a success. This is our first major fundraiser for the year. All profits will go to support missions. Sharon Gifford gave us a flyer on a new mission to support. We will look further into it at this meeting.

We will be sending out letters to our graduating seniors if they wish to apply for the grants we distribute. The forms will be due back on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The letters will be reviewed by the grant committee which consists of Sue Kurth, Diana Sell, Donna Liedtke, and myself.

We're very excited about The LWML Convention in Milwaukee at the end of June. Our district is one of the sponsors. Sue Kurth, Diana Sell, Donna Liedtke, Miriam Gillman, and myself are attending. I am the delegate representing our zone of 8 churches. I will be voting on the mission grants for the upcoming years. Out of 45, 8 were chosen by our zone. The results of the voting will be announced on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the convention. Please keep all of us in your prayers as we travel to Milwaukee and attend the convention. There's a lot of construction in the area.

There will not be a meeting in July. We will have a meeting in August and we need hostesses and someone to present Christian life.

Again, every lady in our church is welcome to join our Martha Society. Come attend a meeting and find out all the work we do. Also, thanks to all the members of Martha for everything you do. We are truly blessed.

Teri Kressin

President.

# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	29	30 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	31 9am Women's Bible Study 11am Homeschool Chapel 4:15pm Middle School Youth Group 5:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm HS Youth Group	1	2 Office Closed	3 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
4 9am Sunday Worship	5 5pm Evangelism Meeting	6 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	7 9am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm HS Youth Group	8	9 Office Closed	10 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening
11 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	12	13 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	14 9am Women's Bible Study 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha 5:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm HS Youth Group	15	16 Office Closed	17 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
18 9am Sunday Worship	19	20 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	21 5:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm HS Youth Group	22	23 Office Closed	24 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening
25 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	26 5pm HCPA Meeting	27 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	28 7pm Middle School Youth Group 7pm HS Youth Group	29	30 Office Closed	1 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion



<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
June 3 7:00 PM Communion	Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper	Lynn Parker	Debbie Holewinski	Jackie Pearce
June 4 9:00 AM	Pat Grosse	Christian Forss	Priscilla Ellenberger	Rick Behrens	Dawn Lauber Camera:
June 10 7:00 PM	Art Granat	Bob Merz	Debbie Holewinski Kris Secord	Mary Malinsky	Camera:
June 11 9:00 AM Communion	Ron Hagen	Paul Kurth Jennifer Kazmarek	Hilda Rozga	Sue Kurth	Camera:
June 17 7:00 PM Communion	Pat Crum	Chuck Healy Karla Healy	Bob & Rhona Arndt	Mark Olson	Jackie Pearce
June 18 9:00 AM	Jake Campbell	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Priscilla Ellenberger	Marianne Braun	Dawn Lauber Camera:
June 24 7:00 PM	Keith Kentala	Jim Bonson		Kris Secord	Camera:
June 25 9:00 AM Communion	Tim Forss	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz	Diane Kuntz	Sharon Gifford

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