

July 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.



July Memory Verse

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

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Upcoming Events:

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

VBS Volunteer Meeting
Thursday, June 29th at 9:00 am

Adult/Teen VBS
Thursday, June 29th at 10:00 am

Appalachian Servant Event/Asheville, North Carolina
July 7-20

Adult/Teen VBS
Sunday, July 9th at 10:15 am or
Wednesday, July 12th at 7:00 pm

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

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

Sunday School –

Sunday School Bible Reading Challenge - Thank you to all of our students who took our Bible reading challenge! The students read a total of 6,240 minutes! Thank you to Jessica Kadlec who took a pie to the face since the boys read more minutes than the girls. The students earned \$200 for the LC-MS Disaster Relief Fund.

Singing in Worship – Thank you to our preK & kindergarten children who sang for worship on Sunday, May 21st, at the 10 am service. Thanks for sharing your faith and talents!

Last Day of Sunday School – Our last day of Sunday school was Sunday, May 21st. We had a fun morning with the pie in the face, Bible buck store, and special activities with our class!

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, Sara Olson, 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, May 31st. Our next chapel will be Wednesday, June 28th, at 11 am. All are invited!

Vacation Bible School –

"Keepers of the Kingdom" Vacation Bible School will be held July 24th-27th from 9-noon each day for children ages 3-12. Registration is open and can be accessed on our website. We have 45 students pre-registered so far. Please invite friends!

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. We were blessed to borrow costumes from the Northland Pines Music & Drama Dept. Donna Liedtke will be our costume coordinator to help with our more elaborate costumes. Laura Campbell and our six cast members have started rehearsals.

VBS Staff - We have an amazing group of volunteers! Snacks – Carla Klein has posted the snack donation list on the church bulletin board. Check it out! Science & Crafts - Tori Forss and I will meet about crafts this week. Bible teaching – Pastor is reviewing my revisions to the Bible lessons. Then I will share all the materials with 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. Jill and I met to go over details and Laura and I have connected as well. 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.

Tentative Volunteer Meeting Date – Thursday, June 29th, at 10 am. T-shirts have been ordered and should arrive by the meeting date. They are \$10 each.

Decorations – Carol Litchfield and I have been discussing decorating ideas for our entryway and narthex. Our set in the sanctuary will go up on Sunday, July 16th. We will be looking for wood in the garage to expand out set on each side. Tom Timm is making team sign holders for the sanctuary. These will be reusable each year.

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. Our children will be invited to color a VBS picture for our shut-ins at snack time. Children will be entered into a drawing for prizes after completing the coloring.

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

Other Board of Ed items –

High school graduation recognition was Sunday, June 4th, at the 9 am service. Our high school graduates are: Hunter Behnke, Krystal Kasmarek, Russell Klein, Gaige Marien, and Emily Rottier-Douangmala.

Women's Bible Study – Our current women's Bible study is "The Miracles of Jesus" through RightNow Media. One group meets on Wednesdays at 9 am and the other at 5:30 pm.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday 6/6/23 – 4:30pm @ Church

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

MEETING AGENDA (MINUTES IN PARENTHESIS)

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Pastor led)
2. Review minutes that were emailed to all after last meeting. (Rick motioned, Carol 2nd. Passed unanimously)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick presented the report, Rick motioned to accept, Sue 2nd, passed unanimously)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Pastor updated. Will and Alicia are still trying to work with summer schedules. High school youth are meeting now on Monday nights.)
6. Old Business items:
 1. Recruiting new board members is ALWAYS on our minds!
 2. Graduation Recognition- Discussion about June 4, 2023 @ 9am
 3. Asheville Servant Event- July 7-20th Updates (We have a vehicle, and the Wausau group has some extra room in their vehicle. Things are coming along well. Sites will include both construction and a full septic site! Pastor is "pumped" about it! Weekend of the 24th and 25th of June will be an eggroll sale as a fundraiser, with July 1st and 2nd will be the commissioning of the servant event group at our church services.)
7. New Business items:
 1. "Every Kid to Camp" certificate available to one eligible participant from our congregation.
8. Next meeting: TBD (Traditionally NO JULY MEETING)
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Elders Meeting – June 13, 2023; 6:30-7:30 PM

Agenda:

1. Opening devotion
2. Holdmann funeral coverage
3. July Servant event coverage
4. Synodical convention discussion
5. Shut-in discussions
6. Video Update
7. Watts family assistance
8. Pastor vacation time
9. Closing

Attendees: Pat Crum, Pat Grosse, Art Granat, Brad Anderson, Jim Bonson, Pastor, Keith Kentala, Ron Hagen

Notes:

1. Pastor opened with a word of prayer.
2. Joan Holdmann memorial service to be held on Thursday, June 15 at 11 AM. Cake and coffee fellowship to follow.
3. North Caroline servant event to be held July 7 – 19. Five youth from the congregation will participate, with Pastor and Rick Behrens, during this event. Pastoral coverage for the weekend of July 7/8 has been arranged. Elder led services will occur the weekend of July 15/16.
4. Egg roll fundraiser for the servant event will be held at church the weekend of June 24/25.
5. Sixty-eighth regular Synodical convention will be held in Milwaukee the week of July 29 – August 3. Voting for the Synodical president will be completed prior to the convention gathering.
6. Shut-in visits were discussed. Elders are encouraged, as are all congregant members, to pray for our shut-ins daily.
7. Church video recording system is being upgraded by Dan and Pastor. If all goes well, it should be up and running later in the summer.
8. VBS preparation is underway. Pastor has provided doctrinal oversight to the program to ensure it is aligned with our synodical theology.
9. Pastoral vacation, as a time of refreshment and rejuvenation, was discussed and encouraged by the elders.
10. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Board of Evangelism

June 5, 2023

ATTENDEES

Jim Harper, Greg Highstrom, Joe Sanfilippo, Pat & Jan Grosse and Pastor Kufahl.

AGENDA

Old Business

- Parade for the 4th of July has been cancelled.
- Evangelism Board is seeking suggestions for congregational participation for outreach events to the community.

New Business

- Senior Celebration is scheduled for August 13, 2023. Jan Grosse will send out invitations to the seniors. Any board member wishing to order the cake and ice cream, pick it up and deliver it to the church the Saturday prior to the event, please contact me. We will need a full sheet cake and ice cream cups. (from Trig's)
- The Evangelism Board meeting for July has been cancelled.

Next Board of Evangelism meeting is: August 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Giving a Cup of Cold Water

During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent much time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did He send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord.

In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to His disciples, said, *"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."* Jesus told His disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to Him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself.

As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, He refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we all are given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors. May God bless us all as we work to further His kingdom.

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

JULY 2023

There will not be a meeting in July. We will resume again in August. Some of us members are heading down to the National LWML Convention in Milwaukee June 22-25. We would like to thank all the members of the congregation who contributed gift cards or cash donations for the convention missions. They will be greatly appreciated. As the delegate for our zone 5 church group, I am praying that I will live up to the expectations expected of me and that I will vote for the best equipped new incoming officers, missions, and any changes in the bylaws.

Thank you for all the support for our Martha Society and the dedicated Christian women who belong to it.

Teri Kressin

President

<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
July 1 7:00 PM Communion	Art Granat	DebbieHolewinski Jim Harper		Mary Malinsky	Jackie Pearce
July 2 9:00 AM	Jake Campbell	Jennifer Kasmarek	Holly Nier	Diane Kuntz	RJ Behrens
July 8 7:00 PM	Jim Bonson	Bob Merz	Kris Secord	Pat Crum	Camera:
July 9 9:00 AM Communion	Tim Forss	Pat Grosse Tony Bentley	Hilda Rozga	Marianne Braun	Camera:
July 15 7:00 PM Communion	Pat Crum	Chuck Healy Karla Healy		Kris Secord	
July 16 9:00 AM	Brad Anderson	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Priscilla Ellenberger	Sue Kurth	Camera:
July 22 7:00 PM	Keith Kentala	Pat Grosse	Bob & Rhonda Arndt	Bonnie Jozowski	Camera:
July 23 9:00 AM Communion	Tim Kadlec	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz	Rick Behrens	

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

July 29	7:00 PM	Jim Bonson	Jennifer Kasmarek Paul Kurth		Pat Crum	Jackie Pearce
	<i>Communion</i>					
July 30	9:00 AM	Ron Hagen	Tim Forss Christian Forss	Dawn Shantz	Cindy Gauger	RJ Behrens
	<i>Communion</i>					Camera:

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	26 5pm HCPA Meeting 7pm High School Youth Group	27 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	28 7pm Middle School Youth Group	29 9am VBS Volunteer Meeting 10am Adult/Teen VBS	30 Office Closed	1 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
2 9am Sunday Worship	3 7pm High School Youth Group	4 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 7pm Adult/Teen VBS	5 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal	6 Office Closed	7 Office Closed	8 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening
9 9am Sunday Worship/Communion 10:15am Adult/Teen VBS	10 7pm High School Youth Group	11 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 7pm Adult/Teen VBS	12 9am VBS 7pm Middle School Youth Group	13 Office Closed	14 Office Closed	15 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
16 9am Sunday Worship	17 7pm High School Youth Group	18 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	19 Office Closed	20 Office Closed	21 Office Closed	22 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening
23 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	24 9am VBS 7pm High School Youth Group	25 9am VBS 9:30am Quilting	26 Office Closed	27 9am VBS	28 Office Closed	29 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
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