

August 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.



August Memory Verse

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

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Upcoming Events:

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

September 10th - 8:45 am
Sunday School Rally Day

God Calls Us to be His Workers

In spite of our foolish and sinful ways, God calls us to be His workers. Scripture tells us that Jesus did not pick people from society's elite when He chose his workers. Jesus' disciples were peasants, fishermen, and even a tax collector. Paul wrote, "*Brothers, think of what you when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things . . .*" (1 Corinthians 1:26-28). The majority of God's work was done and continues to be done by the lowly and oppressed people.

Certainly, God can use celebrities and very successful people in His work. However, we need to remember that, even though we may not have accomplished anything of worldly significance, broken any records, or won any awards, God can use and transform us into effective workers in His kingdom. "*I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength*" (Philippians 4:13). Society gives many accolades to those who succeed, but there is no greater honor or privilege than to be chosen as God's vehicle to spread the Gospel. As John states in his Gospel, it is Jesus Who does the choosing. "*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit*" (John 15:16).

So why does God elevate the foolish and the lowly to be His workers? A reason may be found in 1 Corinthians 1:29: "*so that no one may boast before Him.*" It is only by God's grace that we are saved, called, and equipped to be in His service. If we come into God's work with impressive credentials, we risk taking the glory and credit for ourselves. God desires the weak and the lowly. As Paul said, "*Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong*" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). God uses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. Are you ready for duty?

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

AUGUST 2023

Our August meeting will be held on August 9, 2023. There will be a board meeting at 10:30 with a lunch to follow at 11:30 and general meeting to start at 12 Noon. The hostesses are Carol Johnson and Miriam Gillman.

We will be discussing the LWML convention and everything we learned and regarding the next convention which will be held in Omaha Nebraska in 2025. Six of us attended the one in Milwaukee with 4 of us for the first time and my first time as a delegate.

We also have a Fall rally coming up in October. Save the date of October 12. Donna and I will be presenting Christian Life. It will be on the first three articles of The Apostles' Creed. Any help is gladly appreciated.

The Harvest Dinner is coming! We need to get started with planning.

Please wear purple to the August meeting if you have it. If you have the theme shirt from the Convention wear that. Remember, all ladies of our congregation and any women of the Lutheran faith is more than welcome to attend our meetings. Come see what we're all about.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Teri Kressin
President**

<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
August 5 7:00 PM Communion	Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper	Debbie Holewinski	Debbie Holewinski	
August 6 9:00 AM	Pat Grosse	Jan Grosse	Dawn Shantz	Marianne Braun	Dawn Lauber Camera:
August 12 7:00 PM	Jim Bonson	Bob Merz		Bonnie Jozowski	Camera:
August 13 9:00 AM Communion	Jake Campbell	Paul Kurth Jennifer Kasmarek	Hilda Rozga	Priscilla Ellenberger	
August 19 7:00 PM Communion	Pat Crum	Chuck Healy Karla Healy	Kris Secord	Kris Secord	Jackie Pearce
August 20 9:00 AM	Tim Forss	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Priscilla Ellenberger	Rick Behrens	Dawn Lauber Camera:
August 26 7:00 PM	Keith Kentala	Linda Stenschke	Bob & Rhonda Arndt	Kris Secord	Camera:
August 27 9:00 AM Communion	Brad Anderson	Grant Meyer Paul Kurth	Dawn Shantz	Sue Kurth	

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

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	31 7pm High School Youth Group	1 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	2	3	4 Office Closed	5 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
6 9am Sunday Worship	7 7pm High School Youth Group	8 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	9 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha 7pm Board of Education Meeting	10	11 Office Closed	12 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening
13 9am Sunday Worship/Communion 10am Celebrating Seniors (80+ years old)	14 7pm High School Youth Group	15 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	16	17	18 Office Closed	19 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
20 9am Sunday Worship	21 5pm HCPA Meeting 7pm High School Youth Group	22 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	23 7pm Middle School Youth Group 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal	24	25 Office Closed	26 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening
27 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	28 7pm High School Youth Group	29 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	30 11am Homeschool Chapel	31	1 Office Closed	2 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion