

October 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.



October Memory Verse

For those who love God all things work together for good.

Romans 8:28

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Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 22nd after late service
Harvest Dinner

Trunk & Treat
Tuesday, October 31 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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

Sunday School –

Rally Day – Our church family will gather in the fellowship hall on Sunday, September 10th at 8:45 am for Rally Day! Our theme for the school year is John 6:35a which reminds us to feed our faith with God's Word. We will have a puppet show before teachers and students move to classrooms to get to know one another. All adults that remain will talk about upcoming Bible studies, middle/high school youth group, and Sunday school news. Thank you to Sue K. and Carol L. for providing and serving our snacks!

Sunday School Staff – We have an amazing group of teachers for Sunday school! We met on Wednesday, August 30th, to review safety, curriculum, and general procedures. Ages 2&3 – Christy Kunze, Kristie Ross; 4-5-K – Karen Behrens, RJ Behrens; Grades 1&2 – Jen Kasmarek, Linda Stenschke; Grades 3&4 – 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 – Brenda Husing, Laura Lorenz, Carol Pluedeman, Jaclyn Halsey

Curriculum – This will be the fourth year of using the Enduring Faith Curriculum from Concordia Publishing House for kindergarten-grade 8. We are in Year 2 with a focus on the Old Testament. Each Sunday all grade levels (except ages 2 & 3) will study the same Bible account. Family activity sheets for each lesson will allow families to continue growing in God's Word throughout the week. Ages 2 & 3 will continue using Kingdom Quest by Kids Kount Publishing. Parents of 2 & 3 year olds can use God Talk sheets to review lessons at home. The family sheets and God Talk sheets will be sent via email each Monday.

Memory Treasures – Bible verses from our curriculum were chosen for our memory verse for each month. Students in grades 1-8 receive Bible pins for memorizing each verse and parts of the Catechism.

Mission Project – Our fall mission project will be Operation Christmas Child. OCC, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, sends shoe box gifts to children in need around the world. There is a display in the narthex so families and individuals can shop and fill boxes at home. Monetary donations and toy donations may be given for our packing party during the education hour on Sunday, October 29th. Shipping costs are now \$10 per box. Go to www.samaritanspurse.org for more information.

Family Ministry / Cradle Roll –

Doughnuts & Blessings – Pastor was at church on Tuesday, September 5th, starting at 7 am, giving out doughnuts and blessings. Thank you, Pastor!

Backpack Blessing – Students are invited to bring their school backpacks on Sunday, September 10th, for a backpack blessing at the 7:30 or 10 am worship services. Children will receive a backpack tag and parents will be given Bible verse cards to include in lunch boxes and bags to remind children that Jesus is always with them.

Bibles – 3rd graders will receive their first Bibles and 2 & 3 year olds will receive their picture Bibles on Rally Day. Our Bible blessing will take place on Sunday, September 24th, at both services. Parents/grandparents are invited to personalize the Bible prior to the Bible blessing. Suggestions will be given on Rally Day.

Junior Choir/Chimes – Junior choir for grades 3-8 (4:30-5 pm) and chime choir for grades 5-8 (5-5:30 pm) will begin on Wednesday, September 13th.

New Women's Bible Study – We will be studying "Meant for Good – A Study of Joseph" by Donna Snow on Wednesday mornings at 9 am starting on September 20th. Books are available from me or online.

Faith Legacy Mother/Daughter & Father/Son Retreat – A parent asked if a father/son retreat could be planned for preteen boys and their dads this school year. This would be in addition to a mother/daughter retreat for preteen girls and their moms. These are in the planning stages.

VBS 2024 – I ordered "The Great Jungle Journey" Super Starter Kit from Answers in Genesis for 2024. Tentative dates are July 29th-August 1st. Pastor and the Servant Event team will return home on Thursday, July 25th.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday 9/6/23 – 7pm @ Church

In Attendance: Rick Behrens, Carol Litchfield, Sue Kurth, Alicia Jackson, Marlene Rieck, Pastor Kufahl

MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Led by Pastor)
2. Review minutes that were emailed to all after last meeting. (Motioned to accept by Rick, 2nd by Sue, accepted unanimously)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick presented the report. Motion to accept by Carol, 2nd by Rick. Passed unanimously)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Alicia presented. Scheduling was discussed between Will and Alicia, and there's excitement about this upcoming season. Emails and text messaging are felt to be the most effective way to communicate with students and parents. As for scheduling, High School youth group will continue Wednesday from 7-9pm. They are going through the Life and Purpose of Paul at this time. Fundraisers are in the works already for youth gathering 2025. Middle School scheduling will change up a bit. The last Wednesday of the month, 5:30-7pm confirmation will be taught by Alicia, and will focus on real world Christian growth.)
6. Old Business items:
 1. Recruiting new board members is ALWAYS on our minds!
 2. New Sunday School Season coming! Rally Day (Same format as previous years, September 10th along with the Backpack Blessing.)
7. New Business items:
 1. It was brought before the board as to what age of students could/should be allowed to help out in Sunday School classes. The recommendation was made to talk more with interested parties (7th & 8th graders) and their parents before making a solid decision. That info would be passed back to our board through emails/online.)
8. Next meeting: Sunday October 8th , 2023 After late service 11:45ish @ church.
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Elders Meeting – September 13, 2023; 7 - 8 PM

Agenda:

1. Opening devotion
2. Shut-in discussion
3. Circuit vacancy update/pastoral support
4. Video system update
5. Church art-work rollout
6. 2023 delinquent member discussion and action plan
7. Communion worship service discussion
8. Closing

Attendees: Pastor, Art, Pat G, Keith, Jake, Jim, Pat

Note:

1. Meeting opened with a devotion from the gospel of John, chapter 4.
2. Shut in visits were discussed.
3. Circuit vacancies continue to be challenging but manageable. Congregational forum may occur something this autumn.
4. New church video system has been rolled out. You can now watch the streaming service live on the church website vs. Facebook.
5. Church artwork will begin to be rolled out this Sunday and conclude on All Saints Day.
6. Church delinquent membership discussed. Elders will reach out to each family to encourage attendance.
7. Length of time for communion service was discussed. Elders encouraged to consider ways to, perhaps, streamline in the future.
8. Fall Pastor's conference in Wisconsin Rapids in early October.
9. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Evangelism Board Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2023

Attendees

Pat Grosse, Jan Grosse, Jim Harper, Pastor Kufahl, Gary Fawcett, Mandy Rottier, Marlene Rieck.

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Sunshine Homeless Shelter - Tabled for future discussion.
2. Embrace Grace update - Mandy
3. Ideas for July 4th participation. - Pat
4. Guest gift ideas. Members decided to go back to the coffee cup given out in the past. A QR will be added for easy access to the church website.
5. Trunk or Treat is set for Tuesday, October 31st. Board members are to meet at the church at 10:15 am to pop and bag popcorn and stage tables etc. for the event. We will return again at 3:00 pm to finish the setup. Popcorn, cider and hot chocolate will be served.
6. New member home visits will be conducted by Gary, with help from Greg. All other members are asked to assist with these visits.

New Business

Veterans Recognition was discussed. It was decided that gift cards from the Friendship house will be given to the veterans this year. Jim Harper will follow through with getting these cards.

Next Meeting

October 2nd, 2023

Humble Stewards

As stewards, we are the recipients and caretakers of God's goodness, love, mercy, and grace. Stewards are managers of God's creation. We acknowledge God as the owner; therefore, we are to act not as owners but as managers because our lives and resources are simply on loan from Him.

The book of Daniel gives an account of a man who failed to recognize God as Creator and provider and exalted himself. King Nebuchadnezzar, walking on the roof of "his" royal palace, surveying "his" kingdom, was overcome by pride as he announced, "*Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty*" (Daniel 4:30)? He thought he was asking a rhetorical question, but God condemned him to live like an animal as a consequence of his pride.

Pride is destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all His kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Pride has no place in the life of a servant. First Peter 5:6 reads, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that He may lift you up in due time." It is God alone Who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ Himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled Himself, should we not follow His example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled Himself, God exalted Him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: "*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him*" (Psalm 8:3-4)? The inference is that we are insignificant, yet David goes on to remind us of what we can be proud: "*You made [us] ruler over the works of Your hands; You put everything under [our] feet.*"

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. In the words of Martin Luther, humility is the decision to "let God be God". We are stewards through humility. We are to honor Him with what we have, what we are, and what He will make of us.

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2023

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 11 with the Board meeting starting at 10:30, luncheon at 11:30 and the general membership meeting to start at 12:00.

Our hostesses for the luncheon will be the Executive Board and Dawn Lauber. This is usually our pizza luncheon and dessert. Christian Life will be given by Nancy Steinhage.

October is one of our busiest months for serving different events. We celebrate LWML Sunday on October 8. As of our September meeting there were 114 quilts completed. Some of these will be on displayed on the pews. We will also be collecting Mites. Mites are collected to support the National LWML Missions chosen for 2023-2025. The goal is \$2,350,000 for grants. Number one voted by the delegates is the Orphan Grain Train Servant Center for \$100,000. Altogether there are 31 Missions to support for this 2 year period. The Sunday School children will be shaking the containers for Mites. It can be change or even dollar bills. Start saving now. The list for Missions will be displayed on the Bulletin Board in the hallway.

October 12 is our Zone 5 LWML Fall Rally. It will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder Junction. The Christian Life will be Steadfast in Christ presented by Donna Liedtke and Teri Kressin. It is the 3 Articles of the Apostles' Creed. All members of our church are encouraged to attend. If interested, please call Teri Kressin at #715-337-2091. There is a flyer on the board in the fellowship hall that gives you more details and explains the Gift of the Heart, which is Camp Jorn Child Care. Hope to see you there.

Are you ready? One of our main events is the Harvest Dinner to be held on October 22. Tickets will be sold starting October 1st after both services. Tickets are limited to the first 100 so make sure to get yours soon. Carryout is also available. The menu consists of roasted pork, mashed potatoes, applesauce, carrots, and a roll. Dessert is apple kuchen or pumpkin. The price is the same as last year. There are posters on display.

Mark on your calendars for our annual Congregational Christmas Party to be held on December 13. We are looking for different venues presently. It's the time of the year when we recognize our Pastor, Marlene, and Jean for all the support they give us throughout the year. More details to follow.

Please remember that all women of our congregation are invited to attend and learn all about LWML and their works. Our mission is to serve Our Savior wherever and whenever he has need of us. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

**God Bless,
Teri Kressin**

*When we are brimming with hope and love, our kindness
tends to overflow from our hearts
into the world around us.*

On October 8th, we celebrate Lutheran World Relief by blessing the quilts in our sanctuary. Did you know that six women in your church are directly connected to the “mission field” (including Eunice Ball who sews at home). We do this by simply getting together in a room in the basement of our church to make quilts on Tuesday morning at 9:30 (or after Bible Study).

The quilters would welcome anyone who is interested in this mission and serving thousands of people all over the world with the gift of a quilt. Please join us! All you need is love in your heart and know how to tie a knot.

We appreciate the gifts of fabrics too. Material with bright colors, and cottons are recommended, are always appreciated! Gently used sheets without holes, or stains, full size or larger, are used to complete our creations!

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	2 5pm Evangelism Meeting 5pm HCPA Meeting	3 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 5:45pm JuBELLation 7pm Choir	4 9am Women's Bible Study 4pm 5th/6th Grade W.O.W. 4:30pm Jr. Choir 5pm Chime Choir 5:30pm Confirmation Class 7pm High School Youth Group 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal	5	6 Office Closed	7 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>
October 1 7:30 AM Communion	Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper	Debbie Holewinski Kris Secord	Vicki Holewinski	
Acolyte:					
October 1 10:00 AM	Jake Campbell	Dave Parker Lynn Parker	Lynn Parker	Sue Kurth	Camera:
Acolyte:					
October 8 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Chuck Healy Karla Healy		Pat Crum	Camera:
Acolyte:					
October 8 10:00 AM Communion	Tim Forss	Pat Grosse Jennifer Kasmarek	Dawn Shantz	Rick Behrens	
Acolyte:					
October 15 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum	Bob Merz Sue Frank	Bob Arndt Rhonda Arndt	Sue Frank	
Acolyte:					
October 15 10:00 AM	Brad Anderson	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Priscilla Ellenberger	Diane Kuntz	Camera:
Acolyte:					
October 22 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Linda Stenschenke		Mary Malinsky	Camera:
Acolyte:					
October 22 10:00 AM Communion	Tim Kadlec	Grant Meyer Paul Kurth	Hilda Rozga	Marianne Braun	
Acolyte:					

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

October 29	7:30 AM	Keith Kentala	Bob Arndt Rhonda Arndt		Mark Olson	
Communion						Camera:
Acolyte:						
October 29	10:00 AM	Jake Campbell	Tim Forss Christian Forss	Dawn Shantz	Cindy Gauger	
Communion						
Acolyte:						