

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

May 2024

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### HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD'S LOVE

Dear siblings in Christ,

On Pentecost, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. We celebrate it as the beginning of the Church, a celebration of how God calls us and equips us and sends us to share the good news of Jesus with the whole world! And one of the main symbols that we use for Pentecost, and for the Holy Spirit, is fire. Fire has so many uses, and is one of the most important inventions that humanity has ever made. And as a symbol, fire can remind us of so many important things about the Spirit.

Fire is life-giving. Think about your food, for example. Cooked food is easier to digest, it's safer for you, and most of the time it's a lot better tasting! Fire keeps us warm on winter nights, fighting off the cold with its glowing embers; or with furnaces that push heated air into our homes throughout the cold season. Anyone who has ever gone camping, or held a bonfire, or sat around a fire pit, knows that fire draws us together. It brings out stories and conversations. Fire is a centerpiece for human interaction. Fire is life-giving.

And fire is also destructive. Wildfires in California and Australia have been in the news over the years, burning down tens of thousands of acres and consuming homes, businesses, farms, and living things in their wake. House fires destroy memories and lives and cause trauma to those who experience them. The sight of a plume of smoke while we're driving down a country road immediately draws the question of "is that fire intentional, or do I need to call the fire department?" Fire can be destructive.

But sometimes, fire's destructive capacity is also what makes it life-giving. Whole ecosystems rely on fire to replenish, to open up seeds, to bring about the next generation of living things. The soils of the Great Plains are so rich because of millennia of wildfires turning vegetation into nutrients for the earth. Prairie restoration projects use fire to cull invasive species and help establish native ones. Fire removes what was old only to replace it with something new.

Pentecost is the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit, and that is a wonderful thing. But the rest of the book of Acts, where that story is found, is basically a story of an uncontrolled fire. The Spirit blows where it will, without regard to what we think is proper or respectable or good. The Spirit fell on Gentiles when the Church was still convinced everyone needed to follow Jewish Law to be saved. The Spirit pushed Philip to proclaim to a eunuch (!) whom he baptizes! The Spirit is constantly moving the church in directions that, if it were up to human beings, would be seen as simply destructive—erasing the character of the Church, welcoming people in the wrong way, being too ready to affirm the humanity of those on the margins. The disruptive and destructive nature of the Spirit is the lesson we should be taking from the story of Pentecost and the book of Acts in general.

So what disruptive or destructive thing is the Spirit doing now, here at Our Savior's? What new directions are we being pulled in? How are we called to follow where the Spirit is already going? It's one of those things that none of us can predict, but we can certainly discover it together. Perhaps that newness, that disruption, that fire, is to be found in how we worship, or how we teach children, or how we engage with the community, or how we model the kingdom for others. I encourage each of y'all, this summer, to take a look at the fire of the Holy Spirit, and ask, "what wild new thing are you doing with us today?"

In Christ,  
Pastor Lucas

God calls us to the waters of baptism, and as we enter the months ahead,  
keep in mind the following dates that are open for baptisms.

**May 12th, June 16th, July 14th, August 11th,**

**September 15th, October 13th, November 17th, December 15th**

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.

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# Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2024

**Call Meeting to Order:** President Tim Wiff at 7:00 PM.

**Attending:** Debbi Pittman, Pastor Lucas, Donna Constant, Ron Halverson, Tim Wiff, Mark Jensen, Patricia Peterson.

**Absent:** John Traun, Steve Straub, Audrey Severson, Ann Young and Sue Palmquist

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Lucas read from Isaiah and asked for conversation about changes and direction things are going with our Church.

## New Business:

### **Approve Agenda**

**Money Counters & Tech Asst: April Mark Jensen/Tim Wiff**

**CD update** – Tim renewed for 9 months

The 25,00.00 and 75,000.00 CD's will be coming up for renewal – Tim will send out an email with details for renewal

**Closing of ARC** Patricia brought up the closing of ARC and will be looking into new resources to direct inquiries.

Debbi will get the check cut to them that was approved in the budget

**April 14 Confirmation of** following Confirmands: Ada Erlandson, Matthew Lundstrom, Aubrey Minder,

Karli Foley-Nelson and Breken Young. Motion was made by Pastor and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim to approve Confirmands

**Orkin** Patricia brought up Orkin spraying outside of building monthly to repel mice at a cost of 50.00 a month, Orkin setting traps and will see if that works

## Old Business:

**Heart** – Donna explained we were approved in Heart and explained how things work. Shared with everyone the first trip up there and the purchases and reached out to Pierce County Human Services and received a list of needs and they will work with us to distribute in the County and make sure the distribution requirements are met.

The Evangelism Committee will continue to grow this ministry.

**Directory:** This has been updated and hoping to have back in a few weeks

**God's Work/Our Hands:** Planning for late April/early May checking with Property Committee

**Organ Maintenance:** Tim still checking with companies

## **Secretary's Report-**

Donna made a motion, seconded by Patricia, to approve the March 5, 2024 council meeting minutes as presented by Mike. M/C

### **Treasurer's Report-**

Designated Account \$58,033.90

General Account \$8,786.33

Money Market \$138,032.02

Total \$204,852.25

The Edward Jones CDs account: \$205,389.02.

Donna made a motion, seconded by Patricia, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by Debbi. M/C

Ron asked some questions about the forms and counting money to make sure it was being done correctly.

**Pastor's report-** Pastor Lucas highlighted a number of events coming up: Confirmation, Synod Assembly June 7 & 8 and Bishop Election at Synod Assembly. Pastor Lucas' full report is on file.

Motion made by Patricia, seconded by Debbie to accept Pastor's Report. M/C

**Youth Report-** Patricia provided a printed report highlighting upcoming events. The full Youth Report is on file.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Debbie to accept the Youth report. M/C

## **Committee Reports:**

**Evangelism Committee:** They are looking for idea's for a visitor flyer. Maybe a card for visitors to complete when attending.

**Conflict Detection:** Discussion about planning Council Training on Volunteer Procedures to refresh members.

**Adjourn:** Pastor Lucas made a motion, seconded by Ron, to adjourn. M/C 8:00 pm

**Closing Prayer:** The Lord's Prayer **Next Council Meeting: May 7, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted by Donna Constant

## EVER PONDER YOUR LEGACY?

Your legacy is how you want to be remembered after your life has passed. There is a book of remembrance in the narthex of our church. In it are the members of Our Savior's who have made the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund (O.S.E.F.) part of their legacy.

The O.S.E.F. was established and approved by the congregation on January 28th, 1996.

All bequests and donations to the O.S.E.F. are invested and only the income from the investments are disbursed every year with the congregation's approval at the Annual Meeting.

As its preamble states:

WHEREAS Christian Stewardship involves the faithful management of all the gifts that God has given to humankind - the created world, the Gospel, life, time, abilities, money, including accumulated, inherited and appreciated resources, and WHEREAS the Scriptural principle of proportionate giving, the return to the Lord a portion of the gifts God has first given to his beloved children, is both a privilege and an appropriate response in all times and circumstances, and WHEREAS, Christians can give to the work of the church through bequests in wills, assignment of life insurance, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder and other trusts, assignment of certificates of deposit, and transfers of property (cash, securities, bonds, real estate), and WHEREAS, it is the desire of Our Savior's Lutheran Church to encourage, receive and administer these gifts in a manner consistent with the loyalty and devotion to our Lord as expressed by the donors and in accord with the policies of this congregation....

The purpose of the O.S.E.F. is to enhance our churches outreach ministry. This includes educational scholarships, agencies ministering to adults/families in need, grants to ELCA schools, colleges, and seminaries, and grants through the Synod and ELCA for various ministries. (A full listing appears in the O.S.E.F. bylaws.) No income from the fund can be used for budgetary expenses. Income disbursed follows the guidelines as set forth in the endowment fund bylaws.

This article is intended to inform you as to the purpose of O.S.E.F.

Thank you from the Endowment Committee

**New Member Sunday:** Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. 9am Worship Service. Contact Pastor Lucas or the Office if you are interested in joining Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



**Thank You to the incredibly faithful church members of Our Savior's,** for your provision of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Every box matters! Imagine the impact your boxes have had on children. Each box has the potential to impact 7-10 with the Gospel. Love The Western Wisconsin Area Team.

**Thank You** Our Savior Lutheran Church for your gift of \$100.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response, and for the gift of \$100.00 to ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you. In Christ, Amanda White, Director, Congregational Generosity.

2024

**Preferred Senior Living  
&  
Ellsworth Health Services**

**Worship Schedule for Our Savior's**

1:30pm Preferred Senior Living,  
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

**Wednesday  
May 22nd,  
August 28th, November 13th**

## Support Our Mission with eGiving

This Summer, consider making your gifts using our eGiving tools. Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers online: [www.oursaviorschurch.info](http://www.oursaviorschurch.info) "give" tab  
Text-to-Give: 833-506-0632.



### Flower Requests:

Flower bouquets enhance the altar for our worship experience.

The Altar Guild would encourage members to bring

flowers for the altar to honor a special day, person, or event. The altar is to have only cut flowers, not plants. We have two brass flower vases for you to use to put on each side of the cross or use your own. If just one bouquet, it should not tower above the cross in the center or it could be put to one side of the cross. If you would like the Altar Guild to purchase bouquets for you, we could take orders. Please tell the office who gave the flowers and what occasion so it can be put in the bulletin or announced in church. There will be a flower chart in the entry to sign up when you would like to bring flowers for worship service. To order flowers, call Audrey Severson 715-273-5019.



**FEEDING THE FARMERS:** Planting season is upon us and the Evangelism committee will be making lunches for farmers. We plan to meet at church on Saturday, May 4th at 9am, to make 80 bag lunches. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help, is more than welcome to join us. We are usually done by 10 or 10:30am. On **Sunday, May 5th**, after worship service, the lunches will be available for members to take and deliver to farmers. We will have a sheet for you to sign out lunches, that will tell us who you plan to give lunches to. We thank you in advance for helping make and deliver lunches as a "Thank You" to farmers for helping to feed the world. We also want to thank these businesses for donating to our project: Walmart, Ellsworth Creamery, and Nilssen's grocery.



**PIERCE COUNTY  
HUNGER PREVENTION COUNCIL**  
WE GO BEYOND THE FOOD

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items.

For the month of **MAY** we will be collecting; **Sugar, Ketchup, Jelly, Baked Beans, Dish Soap, and Canned Vegetables.**

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern.

Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food?

Online donations @[hungerpreventioncouncil.net](http://hungerpreventioncouncil.net), call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Lets help end hunger in Pierce County.

## 2024 CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

**Games start at 7:00 PM**

Sunday 5/19/2024		Zion	VS	Living Waters
Monday 5/20/24		St Francis	VS	Crossroads
Tuesday 5/21/2024		Our Savior's	VS	English Lutheran
Wednesday 5/22/2024		St Mary's	VS	Bethel
Sunday 6/2/2024		Our Savior's	VS	Crossroads
Monday 6/3/2024		St Mary's	VS	Zion
Tuesday 6/4/2024		English Lutheran	VS	Living Waters
Wednesday 6/4/2024		Bethel	VS	St. Francis
Sunday 6/9/2024		English Lutheran	VS	St Mary's
Monday 6/10/2024		Bethel	VS	Our Savior's
Tuesday 6/11/2024		Living Waters	VS	Crossroads
Wednesday 6/12/2024		no game	VS	no game
Sunday 6/16/2024		Living Waters	VS	Bethel
Monday 6/17/2024		Our Savior's	VS	Zion
Tuesday 6/18/2024		St Mary's	VS	Crossroads
Wednesday 6/19/2024		St Francis	VS	English Lutheran
Sunday 6/23/2024		Bethel	VS	Crossroads
Monday 6/24/2024		Zion	VS	English Lutheran
Tuesday 6/5/2024		English Lutheran	VS	Bethel
Wednesday 6/26/2024		Our Savior's	VS	Living Waters
Sunday 7/7/2024		St Francis	VS	Our Savior's
Monday 7/8/2024		Crossroads	VS	English Lutheran
Tuesday 7/9/2024		Bethel	VS	Zion
Wednesday 7/10/2024		Living Waters	VS	St Mary's
Sunday 7/14/2024		Zion	VS	Crossroads
Monday 7/15/2024		St Franics	VS	Living Waters
Tuesday 7/16/2024		English Lutheran	VS	Bethel
Wednesday 7/17/2024		St Mary's	VS	Our Savior's
make up game		Zion	VS	St Francis
<b>Tournaments</b>				
Saturday July 27th				
Sunday July 28th				
Please notify Donna or Clair if you cannot make a game				
Donna Constant		715-307-0451		
Clair Severson		715-821-3710		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Altar Guilds:</b> Rhoda Foley Belinda Foley <b>Money Counters/                      Tech Assistants:</b> Donna Constant Patricia Peterson			1	2	3	4
5 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	6	7 7pm Council Meeting	8	9	10	11
12 <b>Honoring High School                      Graduates</b> 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	13 10am Coffee and Conversation	14	15	16	17	18 8am MIM Meeting
19 <b>New Member Sunday</b> 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	20	21	22 1:30pm Preferred Senior Living Worship Services 2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services Worship Service  6pm Baccalaureate Service High School Auditorium	23	24	25
26 9am Worship/Livestream 10am Fellowship Hour	27 Office closed	28	29 8:30am Quilting	30	31	

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Assisting Minister
<b>May 5th</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	Rhoda Foley Sue Palmquist	Martha Allyn Patricia Peterson	Wyatt Goodier Megan Peterson	Rhoda Foley	Roger Laughnan	Ann Young
<b>May 12th</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	Keith & Julie Lundstrom	Chase Unser Donna Constant	Weston Raleigh Luke Lundstrom	Michael Chisholm	Roger Laughnan	Tom Holdorf
<b>May 19th</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	Mary Halls Lori Coulson	Ben Johnson Donna Constant	Hadley Coulson Maddi Constant	Larry Young	Roger Laughnan	Lanette Place
<b>May 26th</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	Bob & Brenda Winger	Isaac Yunker Patricia Peterson	Brady Peterson Wyatt Kirchner	Sue Palmquist	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley

*Thank you for your participation in our worship service. Each ministry participant is greatly appreciated. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please trade with someone or call Lori Coulson, Mary Halls, or Vicki Bowen if you have any questions. Lori: 715-821-3731 Mary: 715-307-0842, Vicki: 612-756-5067. Instructions for each ministry position are posted in the narthex.*



### In Need of Prayer!

Elaine Hines, Dean Mewes, Fred Hoyer, John Paape, Eldon Schellfeffer,  
Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the Church Office.

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BLESS YOU  
AND KEEP  
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