

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

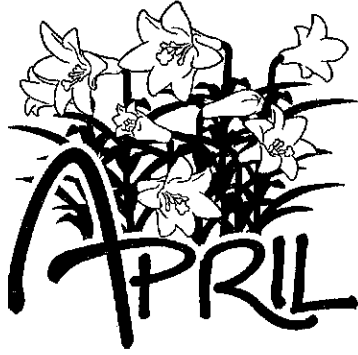
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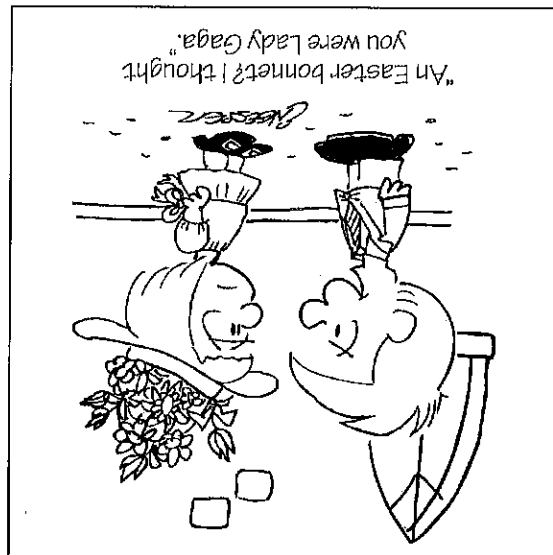
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2012



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes: March 13, 2012

Note: These minutes need to be approved at the next council meeting in April.

The Council of Our Savior's Lutheran Church was called to order by Council President, John Joseph. Present were: Pastor Jensen, Peggy Hipsher, Linda Hultman, Cindy Knapp, John Joseph, Rozie Maki, Sandy Rau, and Doug Thyberg. Excused" Ted Callahan and Bob Ruef.

The meeting began with scripture and discussion taken from 1 Timothy Chapter 1. Chapter 2 will be addressed in April led by John Joseph. Cindy Knapp opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report: The February 8, 2012 minutes were presented. Motion for approval: Sandy Rau/Doug Thyberg. Approved.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Doug Thyberg presented the Balance Sheet as of February 29th and the Treasurer's report January, 2012-February, 2012. Actual revenue to date has fallen short of budget but is slightly above actual spending. Motion to receive the Financial Reports pending audit: Cindy Knapp/Rozie Maki. Approved.

Motion: Cindy Knapp/Linda Hultman to allow the New Orleans Youth group monetary funds be put in the Mission Investment Fund for their own account. They will pay all their bills from that account. The council requests Reen Modeen/Shirley Saker to inform Council what their current finances are for the trip and how much money is still needed. Approved.

Recently, \$1,000.00 was given to our church from a family, (not members of our church) from their Choice Thrivent Dollars account. Motion: Peggy Hipsher/Sandy Rau to donate \$500.00 of this money to the Thad Guderian Benefit. The remaining money will be split between the Youth Group for their trip and for Vacation Bible School needs. Approved.

President's Report: John Joseph reminded the Pastor and Doug that the 2012 "Plan for Mission Support" at 2% of the current budget needs to be sent out.

Pastor's Report: For the month of February, the pastor preached and conducted 5 worship services and conducted a memorial service for Walter Taipale and a funeral service for Marie Willoughby. She attended 6 church meetings, 2 text studies, a Midwinter Theological Conference Feb. 12-13, 6 Bible study sessions, conducted 2 confirmation classes, attended 4 Wed. Bible School sessions, one Food Shelf Breakfast, and made 8 pastoral care sessions and 7 hospital/nursing home/home communion visits.

This year's theme for Midweek Lenten services is "Lent with Luther."

First communion will be on Maundy Thursday. With the composition of children we currently have in Wednesday Bible School, the education committee and pastor recommend that we open our communion policy to parental discretion to decide when their children are ready. This means children younger than 2nd grade would be allowed to take communion if their parents believe they are ready. Each child needs to demonstrate comprehension of what the sacrament means. Instruction is still required and will be done during Wednesday Bible School. Motion: Cindy Knapp/Peggy Hipsher. Approved.

The first combined confirmation retreat with Hope Lutheran was March 2-4. It served as class for Lent. Regular confirmation classes resume after Easter.

The new office computer has been installed. The current Word program is not too compatible with the new computer. Motion: Cindy Knapp/Linda Hultman to purchase Word 2010, paying for it with undesignated memorial money. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: A recent memorial to Walter Taipale from his wife, will be put into the undesignated memorial/honorarium fund: 400.618.

Outreach/Evangelism: The recent "Fat Tuesday" gumbo supper was well attended. \$200.00 was collected from the meal. The money has been split between the general fund and the Youth group.

Vibrant Faith: This committee will meet in April.

Education: Met on March 12th. Discussed were:

- a. VBS fundraising
- b. Confirmation: At present, there are four to be confirmed on Reformation Sunday.
- c. Wednesday Bible School: The children will be singing on Palm Sunday and Mother's Day. A year end picnic will be held on May 16th at Moon Lake Park.
- d. First Communion: See Pastor's report.
- e. April 22nd is Earth Day. Children will be selling seedlings decorated with a Bible verse and ribbon for a free will offering.

Property: Met on March 13th. The shingles have been ordered for the roof project. Council discussed the need for clear communications between the property committee and council. (So everyone is on the "same page".) When a project/repair is quite costly, the Executive Committee consisting of the Council President, Council Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary can be called upon to expedite the decision to approve/pay for the project.

Worship: Met on March 12th. Discussed:

- a. Hymns are in place through April 15th. Setting 10 will be used during the Easter Season.
- b. The Pastor will be ordering palms for Palm Sunday.
- c. An Easter Vigil will again be available after the Good Friday service until noon on Saturday.

Food Shelf: Distribution is March 17th. The breakfasts and our church location are going well.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mutual Ministry Committee: The Pastor and John Joseph will meet after Easter for discussion as to re-establishing this committee.
- b. Objectives for Goals: **Unity, Expanding the way we tell our story, Ministering to one another:** The Council and Pastor discussed these and they will be continued to be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. May, 2012 Annual Meeting: Candidates will be needed for the Congregational Council Election. Linda, Sandy and Ted have terms ending. All three are eligible for re-election. Cindy's term also ends in May. So, there are four open spots.
- b. Annual Report: The Pastor is currently working on this report.
- c. Began discussion of next annual review.
- d. New meeting day and time: Motion: Sandy Rau/Cindy Knapp to have Council meetings on the 2nd Tuesday beginning at 6:30. Approved.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hultman, Secretary.

WELCA MINUTES
March 15, 2012

The March meeting of WELCA was called to order by President Linda Watters at 5:30 P.M. There were ten ladies present. The meeting began with Table Grace and the meal was provided by Shirley Saker and Linda Hultman. Next month Laurel LaBelle offered to make the complete meal.

During the meal, Sandy Rau conducted the Altar Guild meeting. Easter preparations were discussed.

Linda Watters presented the treasurer's report. It reads as follows and was received for audit. As of March 15, 2012: Checkbook: \$2,067.89, Credits: \$337.90, Debits: \$274.60, Fund Balances: (Quilting: \$407.82, Rada: \$123.60, Cards and Napkins: \$32.48, Fair Trade Coffee: -\$103.70, Thank Offering: \$51.00)= \$511.20 Balance at hand: \$1,556.69.

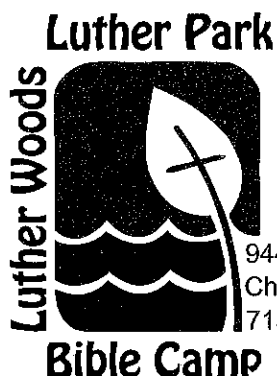
The purpose of WELCA was read and the following discussed:

- a. New all occasion cards were ordered and have arrived.
- b. Thank you Linda Watters, Pastor Kristina, and Debbie Landgreen for putting individual cards in categories in plastic containers.
- c. Linda Watters will also be putting RADA cutlery items in plastic containers with prices on them.
- d. When Thank Offerings are collected, the offerings are used locally.
- e. Yearly donations: Motion: Sandy Rau/Reen Modeen to give from WELCA \$100.00 to Luther Park, \$25.00 to the upcoming WELCA convention, and \$100.00 to the upcoming Synod convention. Approved.
- f. Second Harvest Food Bank: Motion: Linda Hultman/Laurel LaBelle to give this food bank \$100.00. (\$51.00 to be taken out of Thank Offering and \$49.00 from our WELCA checkbook) Approved.
- g. Quilting: 3 graduate quilts have been completed. Other quilts and prayer quilts are in progress.
- h. Women's Bible Study: Meeting time has changed to Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. (was 2:30)
- i. Thank you: Linda Hultman read a card from Pastor Kristina who thanked WELCA for the many ways in which they serve the community/world.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hultman, secretary pro tem.



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March 9, 2012

Dear Members of the Church,

I'm writing to you today to announce the date of our **3rd Annual "Heart for Luther Park" event**. This exciting, fund-raising, family event will be held **August 12, 2012**. We look forward to this day and work very hard to make it a fun day that all will enjoy.

Quilts are our main focus for the auction, along with handcrafted artisan pieces. We look for individuals who will donate their quality handcrafted items or gift baskets filled and donated by individuals, businesses and/or congregations. The Camp store is also featured so that visitors can browse and buy a quilt or other items at any time.

The main emphasis of our event is to include families. There are supervised activities to occupy the children while parents are at the quilt auction, browsing the silent auction area, or visiting the Camp Store.

In 2011, the funds raised for Luther Park exceeded \$14,000. We need your help in 2012! We are requesting your help in obtaining items for the quilt auction, silent auction, and Camp Store. Here is how you can help:

- Ask your Quilters to again donate quilts for the auction, silent auction and the Camp Store. The top rated quilts will be live auctioned. Smaller quilts generally are silent auctioned and tied quilts will be sold at the Camp Store.
- Artisan pieces are sought after – do you know a sculptor, metal-artist, painter, woodworker, etc who would donate a special piece of their work?
- Have some individuals or groups in your congregation put together one or more theme baskets for the silent auction (don't forget – the guys like to bid too!).
- Above all, please encourage your church members to come to Luther Park to participate and enjoy the day.

I'm enclosing an information sheet for your use. Please make copies and hand out to those who may wish to donate to the event.

Again, we are extremely grateful to you for your willingness to help raise funds for this ministry. It is because of generous people like you that we can pass on the faith to the next generation -- and that's really what it's all about.

God's blessings,

Diana Thompson
Diana Thompson

Heart for the Park Coordinator

Prepare The Way Of The Lord

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Volunteer Schedule

April 2012

Prayer for Families

We will continue this year to include three families or individuals in our Sunday morning prayers. I know there are many of you that pray for individuals and the needs that we know of, but there are many times we don't know when someone is in need of a prayer. This is one more way for us to care for each other placing them in God's hands.

April 1

Jim & Sandy Rau
Dick & Kathy Rewalt
Mark & Melinda Santikko

April 8

Shirley Saker
Bob & Roberta Ruef
Desi & Tammy Sipsas

April 15

John Schrock & Mary Berube
Wayne & Lynette Smith
Ken & Lois Tanula

April 22

John & Doreen Swanson
Jerry & Tricia Talso
Dianna Teppo

April 29

Sue Thibideau
Doug & Nancy Thyberg
Sharon Trianoski

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
April 1	MaryAnn & Rodney Lahti	Ginny Pedersen	Volunteer Needed
April 8	Ted & Donna Callahan	Tom Boggess	Volunteer Needed
April 15	Judy Pohjonen & Karen Wicklund	John Joseph	Ken Watters
April 22	Doug & Nancy Thyberg	Rozie Maki	Rita Collins
April 29	Carrie DeRosia w/ Ken & Linda Watters	Rick Forsythe	Volunteer Needed



BIRTHDAYS this month

Jens Gregerson Jr. -1st
Nancy Homan - 4th
Dick Berge -5th
John LaBelle -5th
Judy Buran -12th
Rita Collins -12th
Jonathan Jensen -14th
Piper Bosetti -16th

Austin Danula -20th
Charles Johnson -20th
Hilary Homan -22nd
Bonnie Brannan -25th
Jack Homan -26th
Karen Wicklund -26th
Jim Nelson -30th

Monthly	
Ushers:	Santikko Family
Greeters:	Jim & Nan Olson
Acolyte:	April 1—Taya McClure April 8—Shane Sipsas April 15—Nathan Eisenhauer April 22—Zach Hipsher April 29—Deserae Sipsas
Altar Guild:	Carol Danula & Sandy Rau



Sam & Katie Bradley -4th
Jim and Carrie DeRosia -23rd
John & Tammy O'Brien -23rd
Tim and Debbie Landgreen -27th

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This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship 6:30 Parsonage Bible Study Food Shelf Item — Cans of Peas Holy Week → → → → →	2 10:00-3:00 Sewing/ Quilting Group 7:00 Al-Anon	3 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Evangelism Meeting	4 9:30 Bible Study 2:30 Women's Bible Study 3:45 Bible School	5 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Service WIC 6:30 Choir	6 Good Friday 7:00pm Service Prayer Vigil 8:00pm -12:00pm Holy Saturday	7
8 Easter Sunday 7:30am Sunrise Service —Iron River Cemetery 8:00am Breakfast — OSLC 9:00 Holy Communion Service Food Shelf Item — Peanut Butter	9 10:00-3:00 Sewing/ Quilting Group 7:00 Al-Anon	10 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council	11 9:30 Bible Study 2:30 Women's Bible Study 3:45 Bible School 5:30 Confirmation	12 6:30 Choir	13 Pastor's Day Off	14
15 9:00 a.m. Worship 6:30 Parsonage Bible Study Food Shelf Item — Box of Cereal	16 10:00-3:00 Sewing/ Quilting Group 5:00 Worship Meeting 6:30 Education Meeting @ Pizza Parlor 7:00 Al-Anon	17 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga	18 9:30 Bible Study 2:30 Women's Bible Study 3:45 Bible School 5:30 Confirmation	19 5:30 WELCA 7:00 Choir	20 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	21 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 SHARE 10:30-11:00
22 9:00 a.m. Worship 5:00 New Orleans Youth 6:30 Parsonage Bible Study Food Shelf Item — Cans of Fruit	23 10:00-3:00 Sewing/ Quilting Group 7:00 Al-Anon	24 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga	25 9:30 Bible Study 2:30 Women's Bible Study 3:45 Bible School 5:30 Confirmation	26 6:30 Choir	27 Pastor's Day Off	28 A Chili Night in April Chili Cook-off 6:00-7:00pm
29 9:00 a.m. Worship 5:00 New Orleans Youth 6:30 Parsonage Bible Study Food Shelf Item — Cans of Tuna	30 10:00-3:00 Sewing/ Quilting Group 7:00 Al-Anon					Pastor's Hours of Availability: Monday - Thursday 9:00 – 1:00 Call 715-372-8701 or 715-813-0830 to reach the pastor

Prayer Vigil- We will be having a prayer vigil from 8:00pm Good Friday through 3:00pm Holy Saturday. There is a signup sheet on the board. There is also "Prayer Request" cards if you would like to fill one out so that we can pray for you and that which you are concerned about throughout the vigil.

WE'RE RAISING THE ROOF- Sometime in April, after Easter, we'll begin replacing the aging roofing that keeps us dry. There's a fund raiser going on with a goal of \$10,000. As of March 15 we have \$6,500: \$2,000 from gifts to the church and \$4,500 pledged for the roof. The price would be much higher, \$25,000 or more, if we had the shingles installed. We're going to do it ourselves and reduce the cost by 2/3.

YOU are the WE in "we're doing it ourselves." We'll work in crews of 12: 4 on the ground and 8 on the roof. The shingles will be arriving before the end of March (price goes up 10% April 1). Work parties will be assembled on Fridays and Saturdays during April--after Easter.

If you can help with the project, sign up when you're asked. If you can support the project financially, put your pledge or contribution in the plate any Sunday.

Himma Santikko is coordinating food for the troops. If you can help there, call Himma.

A Chili Night in April- The April community event will be a chili cook-off on Saturday, April 28th. So this will be your chance to show off your favorite chili recipe and possibly walk away with a chili trophy. It would be good to have at least 6 entries. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the Community Access Fund at the Lakes Community Health Center.

Community Access Fund at The Lake's Community Health Center- The Community Access Fund is a resource to assist patients and community members to access healthcare services not offered by The Lakes Community Health Center in Iron River or Ashland. Recipients need to fill out an application with a benefits counselor to be eligible for this fund.

The Community Access Fund is our April Mission of the Month.

Scholarship Applications Forms- Please remind all graduating seniors that the Merv Lindelof Scholarship application forms are now available on the bulletin board. Please be sure to have them turned in the church by the deadline of **May 1, 2012.**



Council News:

In addition to the duties of the church council, we have decided to include a short bible study before our monthly meeting. For the month of March, we read and discussed 1 Timothy Chapter one. The first chapter begins with a greeting from Paul. Paul continues to discuss with Timothy about false teachings. The chapter sparked good conversations between the council in how each of us interpret how these written words guide us to be "teachers" in the church.

We encourage the congregation to join us in our monthly devotion by reading the selected passage for the month. For April, the council will read and discuss 1st Timothy Chapter 2.

Peg Hipsher

Job Fair Transportation-Congressman Sean Duffy is hosting a JOB FAIR on Monday, April 23, 2012 from 9am until 2pm. The event is located at Wessman Arena, 1810 Catlin Avenue, Superior, WI. Admission is FREE!

The event is open to VETERANS ONLY from 9am until 10am and special veteran hiring assistance is available. Bayfield County Veterans Service Officer, Nancy Brede will transport Bayfield County Veterans to this event. We will depart Bayfield County Annex at 7:30am and return at 3:30pm.

Please contact Bayfield County Veterans Service Office to reserve your seat 715-373-6137.

Holy Week Schedule		
April 1	Palm Sunday	9:00am
April 5	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm
	<i>Luther on forgiveness</i>	
April 6	Good Friday	7:00pm
	<i>Luther on the cross</i>	
April 6-7	Prayer Vigil 8:00pm Good Friday—3:00pm Holy Saturday	
April 8~ Easter Sunday		
	7:30am Sunrise Service –Iron River Cemetery	
	8:00am Breakfast at Our Savior's	
	9:00am Holy Communion Service at Our Savior's	

A Community Event

A Chili Night in April

**Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Chili Cook-off**



Eat chili and vote on your favorite.

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Iron River
Saturday, April 28 6-7 pm**

**Adults-\$5.00; Children age 5-12 -\$2.50
Children Under 5 Free**

**A portion of the proceeds will help support
the Community Access Fund at the
Lakes Community Health Center.**

