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2012

More than a name

When the late CBS correspondent Ed Bradley visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., he found a letter propped against the black wall. It read:

"I wanted to come back and say hello. You know, I went ahead and married Dick, and we have a beautiful little girl. Her favorite color is purple, the color of this stationery. I went to Arlington to see your grave, and on it, it said you got a Purple Heart for dying. Well, this is your purple heart for having lived. I hope that our daughter finds as wonderful and as beautiful a first love as you were for me. Good-bye. Hello. Nancy."

That's a strong reminder that those we honor on Memorial Day are more than simply names. They were living people who loved and were loved ... and are still loved.

—Adapted from *Homiletics*

The Gift of Praise

What is it about a good song that lifts the spirits, makes our cares seem easier to bear, and transforms our state of mind for the better? The power of praising God through song is extolled throughout all of scripture, most notably in the Psalms:

***Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. (Psalm 146:1,2)***

***Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise! (Psalm 147:1,2)***

When we praise God through song, we give glory and honor to God. We remember that God is indeed good, and deserves our praise. We give God the proper place in our lives as a God who rules heaven and earth, sea and sky, and plants and creatures.

While we do this on Sunday, we all need God to help transform our mindset and perspective during the rest of the week. If we're not careful, the world's cares seem to pile up so high that we feel our spiritual foundation listing like the tower of Pisa. We think God has forgotten us.

What's the remedy? You guessed it – singing songs of praise! Make sure that you don't just pray about the things in your life you want God to fix. ***Begin by thanking God for listening to your prayer and leading you through the way.*** Continue with recounting what God has done in the heavens and the earth, how God has delivered you and all who call on him from sin and death. Dwell then on what is to come no matter the outcome: the coming glory of life eternal. I guarantee you – life will seem a bit brighter.

My challenge, should you choose to accept it, is this: pick a bible verse or the verse of a hymn that reminds you of God's goodness and mercy in the midst of any circumstance, and recite it when you feel yourself slipping into a litany of "Woe is me". Recite the same verse whenever you feel the devil trying to trick you into thinking that your life is in the toilet. Share your verses with each other, and praise God for the good things that he is doing in your life. Share how God is working in your life with others too – we all need to hear it.

God has brought life from death, and God will bring *you* through death and into life. Even our afflictions will be redeemed. As Romans 8:28 reminds us: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

Remember beloved children of God – God has called you according to His purpose. Dwell on the richness and grace embodied in that statement when you feel that your faith needs a pick-me-up. Don't let the complaints and the petty annoyances of life rob you of the JOY that God has for you in Christ Jesus.

Be strong in the Lord and love one another,

Pastor Kristina
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WELCA MINUTES
April 19, 2012

The April meeting of WELCA was called to order by president Linda Watters. There were 9 ladies present. A lovely meal was prepared by Laurel LaBelle. Next month Rozie Maki and Janelle Armbruster will host.

The purpose of WELCA and table grace were read.

The secretary's report as of March 17, 2012 was presented. Motion for approval: Rozie Maki/Laurel LaBelle. Approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Linda Watters and reads as follows: As of April 18, 2012 there is \$1,671.54 in the Checkbook, Fund Balances,-\$524.85, Balance on Hand: \$1146.69. The treasurer's report was accepted pending audit.

Items discussed:

- a. May Friendship Day will be held on May 4th at 11:30 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.
- b. Linda Watters will research if the Lake Superior Church Conference is still functioning.
- c. The Hazel Pedersen funeral is Monday, April 23rd. A sign-up sheet was passed to those in attendance for helping/donating food to it.

The next meeting will be May 17th at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hultman, secretary Pro Tem.

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes: April 10, 2012**

Note: These minutes need to be approved at the next council meeting, May 8th.

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, John Joseph, Rozie Maki and Doug Thyberg. Excused: Ted Callahan, Cindy Knapp, Sandy Rau and Bob Ruef.

The meeting began with an opening devotion of 1 Timothy, Chapter 2 led by John Joseph. (Pray for everyone, there is salvation for all. Jesus is all inclusive.)

Secretary's Report: The March 13, 2012 minutes were presented. Motion for approval: Doug Thyberg/Rozie Maki. Approved.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Doug Thyberg presented the Balance Sheet as of March 31st, and the Treasurer's Report for January, 2012 through March, 2012. Motion to receive the Financial Reports pending audit: Rozie Makie/Linda Hultman. Approved.

President's Report: John Joseph e-mailed the council "Duties at Our Savior's Lutheran Church" manuals. The council is requested to read this manual and note updates that may need to be revised. This will be addressed at the next council meeting.

Pastor's Report: For the month of March, the Pastor preached and conducted 4 worship services, made numerous hospital visits, attended church meetings, text studies, Wed. Bible School, and pastoral care sessions. Those baptized on Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012 were: Allison Luoma, Adrienne Luoma, and Reilly Luoma. Receiving First Communion, were: Lucy Drougas, Adrienne Luoma, Allison Luoma, Kylie Niska, Kieriahna Niska, Beau Sipsas, and Damon Walsh. (They also made the service's communion bread.) The Annual ELCA Statistics Report for our church has been completed. June 2-3 are the dates for Synod Assembly which will be held in Eau Claire. The "Plan for Mission Support at 2% of the current budget was sent to synod.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Doug reported as of March 31st the **Total Liabilities and Fund Balances: \$80,035.11, Current Month of March Income: \$8,588.90, Year to Date: \$26,194.23, Budget Year to Date: \$27,449.94, Annual Budget: \$109,800.00**

The New Orleans Youth Group funds have their own checking account at Security State Bank. Approximately \$2,700.00 is still needed for the trip.

Outreach and Evangelism: The Easter Breakfast was a great success. Thank you to Jim's Meat Market for supplying the sausages. \$250.00 was collected from the meal. The money will be split between VBS and the Honduran School Project. A Chili cook-off is scheduled for April 28th. The Food Shelf breakfasts continue to be warmly received. Left over sausages from the Easter breakfast will be served then.

A "Brick Sale" will begin similar to the "Raise the Roof" project at the back of the fellowship hall. The goal is \$10,000. Currently there is \$6,800.00 in the account.

Vibrant Faith: Will meet in April. Date to be announced.

Education: Will meet April 16 at 7:00 p.m. The children receiving first communion (see Pastor's report) were instructed by the pastor and teachers during their regular class time for two weeks prior to their First Communion as to what the sacrament means.

Property: The roof is being re-shingled! An "Alleluia Thank You!" to all who helped give monetarily, plan, work, cook and serve during this busy time.

A spring clean-up date needs to be decided.

Executive: Meeting date: April 23rd at 1:00 for the annual review recommendation.

Worship: Will meet April 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Food Shelf: Distribution will be April 21st. A Pie Social at Mission Covenant Church will be held on Sunday, May 6th. Our church is asked to bring 4 pies. There is a sign- up sheet in the hall bulletin board by the kitchen.

OLD BUSINESS

Mutual Ministry: The Pastor and John will meet. Date to be set.

Homework: Objectives for Goals (Unity, Expanding the Story, Ministering to One Another) Will continue at the next council meeting so more council members can finish their homework.

Council Elections: Will take place May 20th during the Annual Meeting. There are four spots to be filled.

On June 10th the council and all serving on committees will be installed during the Sunday service. A pot luck is planned for the June 12th council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting: May 20th following services. Committee reports are due before the May council meeting, May 8th.

Motion for adjournment: Linda Hultman/Doug Thyberg.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hultman, secretary



Volunteer Schedule May 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.

May 6

Sue Thibideau
Doug & Nancy Thyberg
Dennis & Jeanette Vetter

May 13

Sharon Trianoski
Ken & Linda Watters
Donna Warbalow &
Tom Trautt

May 20

Terry & Shirley Welty
Karen Wicklund
Jim & Julie Anderson

May 27

Jolene Anderson
Nancy Anderson
Jennifer Anderson



BIRTHDAYS this month

Eric Pohjonen -1st
Dorothy Kangas -5th
Lynette Kesler -5th
Mack Santikko -5th
Karen Boggess -7th
Paul Santikko -8th
Julie Anderson -9th
Richard Forsythe -14th
Sandy Rau -14th
Janice Anderson -14th

Leo Drougas -16th
Pastor Kristina -18th
Judy Nelson -18th
Tom Boggess -18th
Kyle Thyberg -19th
Nathan Eisenhauer -20th
Howard Lehman -28th
Ray Kangas -29th
Reenie Modeen -29th
Jens Gregerson -30th
Ryan Johnson -30th
Ken Watters -30th

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
May 6	John Schrock & Mary Berube	Donna Warbalow	Rita Collins
May 13	Donna Warbalow & Tom Trautt	Jonathan Jensen	Volunteer Needed
May 20	Nan Olson & Ginny Pederson	Jerry Peck	Ken Watters
May 27	Ted & Donna Callahan	John Schrock	Volunteer Needed
Monthly			
Ushers: Doug & Nancy Thyberg			
Greeters: Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel			
Acolyte: May 6- Julia Collins May 13- Samantha DeRosia May 20- Taya McClure May 27- Shane Sipsas			
Altar Guild: R. Maki, J. Armbruster & D. Teppo			



Wayne & Lynette Smith -3rd
John & Doreen Swanson -17th
Phil & Cindy Knapp -27th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

May 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Pastor's Hours of Availability: Monday-Thursday 9:00-1:00</p> <p>Call 715-372-8701 or 715-813-0830 to reach the Pastor</p>	<p>Secretary's Hours Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30</p>	<p>1 Pastor's text study Office Closed</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>2 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Women's Bible Study 3:45 Bible School 5:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>3 WIC</p> <p>5:30 Scholarship Committee</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>4 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 9:00 a.m. Worship Graduate Sunday</p> <p>6:30 Parsonage Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 New Orleans Youth</p> <p>Food Shelf Item — Cans of Peas</p>	<p>7 10:00-3:00 Sewing/ Quilting Group</p> <p>5:00 Worship Committee</p> <p>6:30 Education Meeting @ Pizza Parlor</p> <p>7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>8 Pastor's text study Office Closed</p> <p>10:00 Bayfield Co. Family Support Group</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p> <p>6:30 Council</p>	<p>9 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Women's Bible Study 3:45 Bible School 5:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>10 4:00 -7:00 Youth Fund Raiser ~Chicken BBQ~</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>11 Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>6:30 Smiling Faces Preschool Graduation and Spring Concert</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 9:00 a.m. Worship Mothers Day</p> <p>6:30 Parsonage Bible Study</p> <p>Food Shelf Item — Peanut Butter</p>	<p>14 10:00-3:00 Sewing/ Quilting Group</p> <p>7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>15 Pastor's text study Office Closed</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>16 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Women's Bible Study 3:45 Bible School Party – Last Day!</p> <p>5:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>17 5:30 WELCA</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>18 Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>19 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00</p> <p>Last day of SHARE 10:30-11:00</p>
<p>20 9:00 a.m. Worship Followed by Annual Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Parsonage Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 New Orleans Youth</p> <p>Food Shelf Item — Rice</p>	<p>21 10:00-3:00 Sewing/ Quilting Group</p> <p>7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>22 Pastor's text study Office Closed</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>23 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Women's Bible Study 3:45 Bible School</p> <p>TBA End of Year Confirmation Party</p> <p>Newsletter Printed</p>	<p>24 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>25 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:00 a.m. Worship Pentecost Sunday – wear red!</p> <p>6:30 Parsonage Bible Study</p> <p>Food Shelf Item — Cereal</p>	<p>28 Office Closed Memorial Day</p> <p>7:00 pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>29 Office Closed</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>30 9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>No Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>(June 2-3 Synod Assembly)</p>	
<p>Pastor Kristina on Vacation through June 3</p>						

Rejoice in the LORD always! Again, I say rejoice! (Phil. 4.4)

CALLING ALL COMMITTEES! This includes: The Pastor, the Council President, Sunday School, Finance, Property, Audit, WELCA, Food Shelf, Outreach and Evangelism, Choir, Stewardship, Worship, Quilters, and Education; Please submit your reports to Evelyn (oslsec@cheqnet.net) as quickly as possible so the annual report for May 2012 can be compiled. Reminder to all, our annual meeting is on May 20th following services.

Scholarship Committee Meeting- May 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Ladies! May Friendship Day Luncheon- will be held on Friday, **May 4th** beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church. This year's theme is "Sights and Sounds of Harmony." See Linda Watters for details. Let's have a good turn out from our church.

Pie & Ice Cream Social- Homemade pies will be served **Sunday, May 6, 2012** from 1-4pm at Mission Covenant Church in Poplar. Free will offering, all proceeds go to the Rural Care and Share Food Shelf.

Invisible Pie!! If you can't make it to the pie social sponsored by the Rural Area Care Food Shelf (This year at Mission Covenant Church) on May 6th, **OR**, maybe you are busy with other plans, you can still help out! Look for a "pie" donation container. This is their yearly fund raiser. Thanks a lot!

Spring Clean-Up Day- Sunday, May 6th, Spring Clean-Up Day---Our church looks pretty nice with new paint and a new roof, now we need to clean inside and out. After church and coffee on **Sunday, May 6th** let's all help by bringing rakes, cleaning supplies and give our church a good cleaning. Everyone able should plan on helping.

2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast and Camp Tour Day- Luther Park Bible Camp, FREE of charge for all. **Saturday, May 5.** **Serving** begins at 8am. Join us in the Luther Park Dining Hall.

Steve Jurkovich's Famous Chicken- **Thursday, May 10th** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church from **4:30-7:00.** Grilled chicken, baked potatoes, rolls, coleslaw and dessert will be served. All proceeds will be for OSL New Orleans Youth Mission. See poster for more details.

The La Libertad School Project Buy a Brick for \$10- Now that the roof has been raised we can start a new building project. Buy a brick and be a part of educational opportunities for children in a small village in Honduras. The very poor village of La Libertad, with the help of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, is building a school. We can soon watch the Honduran school go up brick by brick on the back wall of the Fellowship Hall. The Evangelism Committee will be selling bricks for \$10. You can write your name on your brick or make it in memory of someone. Buy a brick and get a photo of what the new school should look like.

May Mission of the Month- The Mission of the Month for May is the New Day Shelter in Ashland.

Volunteer Work Weekend at Luther Park Bible Camp- April 20-22 and **May 11-12.** Volunteers are needed for projects like; Splitting & stacking firewood, washing windows, raking and ground work, putting in the dock and pontoon, light carpentry work and painting. Free meals and lodging are provided. See poster for more details.

8th Annual Luther Park Golf Outing- 4 person scramble, **Monday July 16, 2012.** Limited to the first 36 teams. Call 715-859-2215 or LutherPark.org. See poster for more details.

Important Reminder- Our annual congregation meeting will be held after the service on **May 20th.**

New Peace Lily- Laurel LaBelle has donated a beautiful Peace Lily to replace the bedraggled one we had. She has also offered to care for the new plant, so take note, Altar Guild Members, we no longer need to do this. Thank you Laurel,
Altar Guild President, Sandy Rau

Congratulations Graduates! Congratulations to our three Graduates this year: Austin Danula, Rebecca Johnson, and Jens Gregerson. Be sure to congratulate them by attending Graduate Sunday on May 6th when we present each graduate with a quilt that our quilters have made especially to them. (Remember to come dressed to be a good example by coming in work clothes to help with our Spring Clean Up following fellowship hour.)

What Is Pentecost? (This year May 27th)
Pentecost is considered by many to be the church's birthday. On that day the gift of the Holy Spirit which had been passed down from individual prophet to prophet and judge to judge was poured out on a large group of people - 3000! Pentecost takes its name from "Pente" which means fifty. (Fifty days after Good Friday)

The church celebrates Pentecost as the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church when God's Spirit appeared as tongues of fire on worshipper's heads. Jews from many nations heard the Good News in their own 'tongue' and 3000 were baptized. Jews were in Jerusalem to celebrate the festival of the Feast of Weeks, the celebration of on a Sunday of seven weeks of harvest. This was a culmination of a festival celebrated two days after Passover (and coincidentally, the day of Jesus' crucifixion). The festival's name was First Fruits, when a sheaf of the first grain of the harvest was waved before the Lord for His acceptance. The celebration occurred the day after the Passover Sabbath - a Sunday.

The harvest of the seed that was sown - Christ Jesus, the Passover Lamb, given to die for you and for me, brought about the outpouring of eternal life for many. The Spirit's outpouring was made possible through Christ's forgiveness of sins. His crucifixion, death, and resurrection brought about the harvest of that day.



Ushers and Greeters- The volunteer list for the Ushers and Greeters has been set up 6 months in advance so that you have time to switch months with those listed here or find other replacements . Monthly reminder letters will continue to be sent out and the list will be on the bulletin board. If you are unable to help during the time you have been assigned, please find your own replacement and let the church secretary know of the changes as soon as possible.

Greeters

May~ Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel

June 3-10~ Janelle Armbruster & John Johnson

June 17- 24~ Ginny Pedersen & Bonnie Rantala

July~ Dick & Kathy Rewalt

August~ John & Jeanne Joseph

September~ Ted & Donna Callahan

October~ Collins Family

The following people have volunteered to be greeters this year:

Janelle Armbruster, Ted & Donna Callahan, Bill & Rita Collins, Rick & Jody Forsythe, Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel, Jane Jensen, Laurel LaBelle, Tim & Debbie Landgreen, Merv & Rozie Maki, Jim & Nan Olson, Ginny Pedersen, Judy Pohjonen, Bonnie Rantala, Dick & Kathy Rewalt, Mark & Himma Santikko, Wayne & Lynette Smith, Doug & Nancy Thyberg, Ken & Linda Watters, Terry & Shirley Welty, and Karen Wicklund.

Ushers

May~ Doug & Nancy Thyberg

June~ Ted & Donna Callahan

July 1-15~ Judy Pohjonen & Karen Wicklund

July 22-29~ Wayne & Lynette Smith

August~ Merv & Rozie Maki

September 2-9~ Santikko Family

September 16-30~ Forsythe Family

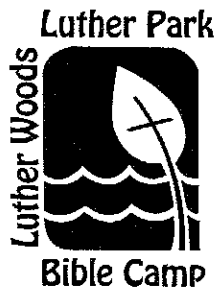
October~ Nan & Jim Olson

The following people have volunteered to be ushers this year:

Ted & Donna Callahan, Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel, Jane Jensen, Laurel LaBelle, Tim & Debbie Landgreen, Merv & Rozie Maki, Jim & Nan Olson, Ginny Pedersen, Judy Pohjonen, Dick Rewalt, Mark & Himma Santikko, Wayne & Lynette Smith, Doug & Nancy Thyberg, Ken & Linda Watters, and Karen Wicklund.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING.

IT IS A LARGE COMMITMENT AND WE ARE GREATFUL FOR YOU.



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Craig M. Corbin, Int.. Ex. Director
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Greetings from Luther Park!

May 2012

Summer 2012-Register for Camp Now!!— The camp schedule is on the Luther Park website: lutherpark.org. Online registration is available, so register early, especially for the specialty camps, these programs fill up early. Once again **there are a number of incentives: Invite a friend, sibling discounts and 50% off first time family campers, so take advantage!** **Camperships are also available.** Look for the Campership request form on the webpage: lutherpark.org. Summer brochures are available at your church.

Needs / Wish List: We have some larger equipment needs and wants. Specifically, we are looking for good used vehicles, preferably Mini-vans or mid-size sedans; a good used or new pontoon motor, preferably about 25 horse-power; **a new Pool Cover to Insulate the Water;** and Ice Machine for the Dining Hall. Check out our Wish List at LutherPark.org under Donate tab.

Consider Family Camp: Luther Park has been offering this wonderful opportunity for families for many years. Weeklong Family Camp is scheduled for August 5-10. Discounts for first time family camp participants!! For more information go to www.LutherPark.org.

Year-Round Retreat Committee Members Needed: Luther Park and Luther Point are pleased about the promising start of a new ministry effort. We are excited about seeking the creativity and enthusiasm of a volunteer committee. If you or someone you know would like to contribute time and talents to creating meaningful retreat opportunities, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact Liz at 715-689-2347 or Liz@LutherPark.org for more information.

Pancake Breakfast—May 5: Come join us Saturday, May 5 for a morning of fellowship and good food as we host our annual pancake breakfast. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get out for the morning and come and see your camp in action. **Register for camp on this day and receive a Discount!**

Start Thinking Golf Outing: The Annual Golf Outing is going to be held on July 16 at the Whispering Pines Course in Cadott, Wisconsin. Put your foursome together and register, inquire at the camp office 715-859-2215 or look for specific details online at www.lutherpark.org. Hole Sponsors and Prize Sponsors are also being sought. Contact Golf@lutherpark.org for more details.

Together in Ministry

Rev. Craig M. Corbin, Interim Executive Director

Worthy of honor

What does God mean when he commands us to honor our fathers and mothers (Exodus 20:12)?

Complete this word search to discover words that mean the same as *honor*.

admire • adore • appreciate • cherish • esteem
look up to • praise • respect • revere • value

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