

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Corner

Whew! It's been HOT! H-O-T! Has anyone else felt at times like they have been living in the center of a volcano? Okay, maybe it's not *that* bad, but you get the idea.

God knows that our inner spiritual life can sometimes feel pretty sweltering too. You know this – those times when your chest tightens and you can't breathe.

It's always uncomfortable to feel like you are in the spiritual hot seat. I'm not talking about the conflicts you find yourself in with your family, your friends, or even community members. I'm talking about the inner struggle between yourself and God.

The Holy Spirit has a way of making our inner selves hot and uncomfortable until we have no choice but to come to God and confess where we have gone astray. All of our expectations of what God should and shouldn't be doing in our lives; the inner thoughts of malice and hurt we harbor toward one another; mistakes and hurtful actions we can't forgive ourselves for all gang up on us until, like the magma underneath a smoldering volcano, we lose it.

Contrary to how this might feel, it is indeed the work of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that makes us so uncomfortable that we can't stand it anymore. It is the Holy Spirit that offers a refreshing balm to the inferno boiling and bubbling inside us. It is the Holy Spirit that drives us to pour ourselves out before the Lord so that we can be set free from the power of sin in our lives.

No one in scripture knew what that inferno – and subsequent refreshment of grace – felt like more than King David. He followed God with all his heart – and he also succumbed to the siren call of lust, power, and greed. No one grieved like David over the sins he committed. We hear his heart-wrenching cry in Psalm 51 after committing adultery and murder:

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment... Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Could the same man that penned Psalm 23 have also written Psalm 51? Yes. For we are human beings, fashioned in God's image and at the same time held captive by sin. Sometimes we let the world get the better of us, and then the devil pounds on our conscience until we feel that we are too sinful to come before God asking for his mercy and grace. This is where the Holy Spirit comes in: when God is after our conscience, our spirits are thirsty for relief. Instead of being made to feel so low, as the devil would have us despair to the point of losing our hope, the Holy Spirit turns up the temperature of our conscience until we feel like a volcano about to erupt unless we do something. The purpose of this is to turn us towards the grace of God. The heat inside us builds and builds, till we have no choice but to run to the cool refreshment of the living water that Christ offers us. This is why we confess our sin around the baptismal font during most of the year: we need the cool refreshment of the cleansing waters of baptism and the new life Jesus offers us as an antidote to the scorching power of sin. This summer, don't let the heat get the best of you. Drink LOTS of water – living water.

Stay strong in the Lord and love one another,

Pastor Kristina Jensen

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

Note: These minutes need to be approved at the next council meeting, August 14, 2012.

Council meeting of Our Savior's Lutheran Church was called to order by council President Rozie Maki. Present were: Pastor Jensen, Howard Lehman, Sandy Rau, Bob Ruef, Cindy Knapp, Doug Thyberg, Rozie Maki, Ken Tanula and Peggy Hipsher, John Joseph

Opening devotions led by Cindy Knapp, 1st Timothy Chapter 5.

Motion by Joseph, 2nd by Thyberg to approve the June council minutes with a correction to the account that was removed from Our Savior's account be named as the Youth Account (not VBS). Motion carried.

Motion by Rau, 2nd by Joseph to move \$1500.00 from the revenue carryover fund to the operating account as recommended by Thyberg to cover operating expenses.

Doug reviewed the Fund accounts with the council. He recommended consolidated some fund accounts that were similar in name. After some discussion, it was recommended that a finance committee be created to make a recommendation to the council about this decision.

Motion by Joseph, 2nd by Knapp to approve the finance report as presented, subject to audit. Motion carried.

Rozie Maki presented a brief statement about keeping our council actions in our prayers.

Pastor presented her report. We will have 8-10 new members joining in September. Pastor will be asking for assistance in contacting members who have been absent from church for a time. The information for viewing the services the youth will be attending in New Orleans has just arrived. The information will be shared on the web site. She is hoping to have it set up to view on Sunday June 22 for anyone interested.

Motion by Joseph, 2nd by Ruef to purchase a wireless microphone to use during presentations in the church out the church property maintenance fund.

Committee Reports

Finance: Doug reported the \$1500.00 has been given to us from the Fig Leaf. Motion by Thyberg, 2nd by Rau to donate \$300.00 to the American Legion.

Motion carried. Motion by Ruef, 2nd by Thyberg to donate \$600.00 to the teachers at the Iron River Elementary School. Motion carried.

Memorial/Honorarium Committee did not meet.

Outreach and Evangelism. Doug gathered a group of volunteers to remove siding from the American Legion building. They have mowed a lawn. Sometimes there are some logistics problems with projects people request, but they try to handle them when they come in. The council asked if the committee could put their projects completed in the bulletin/newsletter.

Vibrant Faith did not meet.

Education: Cindy reported VBS is ready to go. Recruitment for teachers to help with Wednesday Bible school is still needed. The commitments are short and by projects. Cindy and Pastor will teach confirmation next year. The four confirmant's faith papers are due Sept 15.

Mutual Ministry did not meet

Property Committee to meet July 17 at 9 am.

Stewardship did not meet.

Worship committee met. No report

Food Shelf. Report submitted and reviewed by council.

Old Business. None

New Business. The snowmobile club contacted Rozie about a memorial for Ann Klinge. Sandy was asked to contact them about some ideas.

Motion by Rau, 2nd by Joseph to remove the library seating. Discussion followed regarding why it should go and why it should stay. Ruef called for a question. Motion carried. Vote on the first motion 3 yea, 6 nay. Motion denied.

There was a request to the council for money for the Youth New Orleans trip to use for a meal. Motion by Joseph, 2nd by Lehman to transfer \$450.00 from the revenue carryover fund into the operating budget for the Youth meal. 2 nay, 7 yea. Motion carried.

A question was raised as to what happens to the information on the pages of the red books in the pews. Pastor explained that Evelyn logs the information about communion and any other information is then passed on to Pastor.

Motion by Ruef to adjourn at 8:50pm.

Lords Prayer

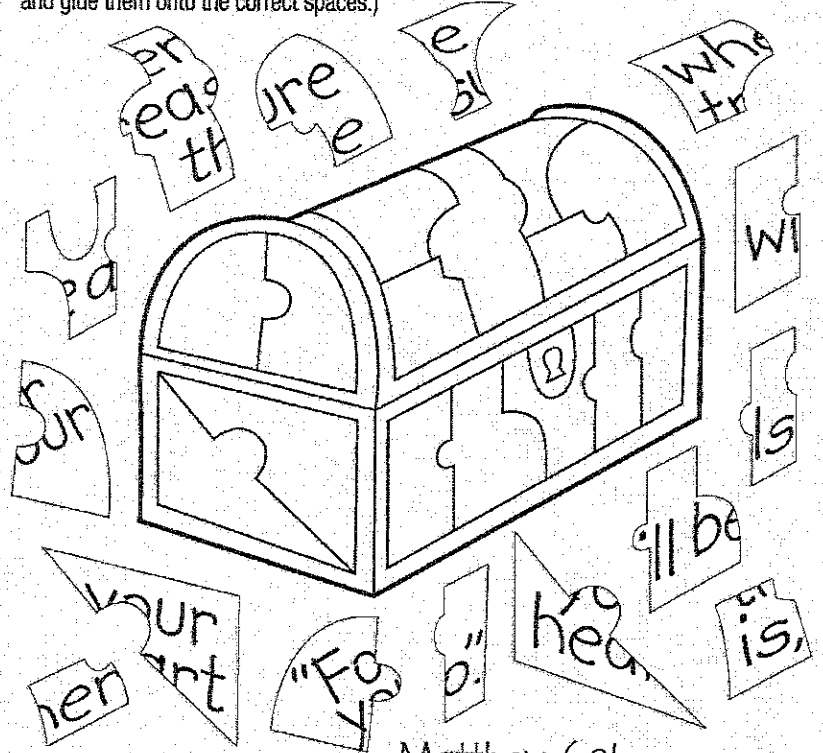
Respectfully submitted by Peggy Hipsher

PUZZLE

TRUE TREASURE

The Bible speaks often of "treasure" — where we can find it, who gives it and who can have it.

Directions: Match the puzzle pieces to the correct shape. Then write the letters to learn what Matthew 6:21 (NIV) says about treasure. (Younger children can cut out the shapes and glue them onto the correct spaces.)



Matthew 6:21, NIV

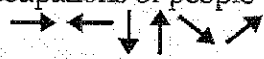
Answer: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21, NIV)

Just for KIDS

Work ... Work ... Work!

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2:15)

Ever since Adam, people have worked! Here are some occupations of people who lived in Bible times. Find them in the puzzle. Circle them.



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| APOTHECARY | FARMER | PHYSICIAN | SILVERSMITH |
| BAKER | FISHERMAN | PORTER | SOLDIER |
| BARBER | FULLER | POTTER | SPINNER |
| BUTLER | GUARD | PREACHER | STEWARD |
| CARPENTER | HUNTER | RECORDER | TANNER |
| CHAMBERLAIN | JUDGE | SAILOR | TEACHER |
| CLERK | LAWYER | SALESWOMAN | TENTMAKER |
| CONFECTIONER | MASON | SCHOOLMASTER | TILLER |
| COPPERSMITH | MUSICIAN | SCRIBE | WEAVER |
| DYER | NURSE | SERVANT | WRITER |
| | | SHEPHERD | |



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Volunteer Schedule August 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.

August 5

Ken Getty & Jane Bragiell
Jens & Amy Gregerson
Krista Gunderman

August 12

Marlene Hagstrom
Peggy Hipsher
Jane Jensen

August 19

Dave & Linda Hultman
Kurt & Debbie Janko
Jack & Nancy Homan

August 26

Bobby Jindra
John Johnson
Pastor Kristina &
Jonathan Jensen

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
August 5	Donna Warbalow & Tom Trautt	Jerry Peck	Lois Tanula
August 12	Ted & Donna Callahan	Jonathan Jensen	Volunteer Needed
August 19	Dick & Kathy Rewalt	Kent Getty	Nancy Thyberg
August 26	Polka Service & Picnic	Cindy Knapp	Volunteer Needed

Monthly

Ushers: Merv & Rozie Maki

Greeters: John & Jeanne Joseph

Acolyte: August 5 –Desarae Sipsas
August 12 –Julia Collins
August 19 –Samantha DeRosia
August 26 –Taya McClure

Altar Guild: Julie & Jerry Peck



BIRTHDAYS this month

Desi Sipsas – 2nd
Doug Olson – 7th
Tammy O'Brien – 7th
Carlene Brandmeier – 11th
Zachary Hipsher – 11th
Shirley Welty – 15th
Bill Pepping – 16th
Jeremy Landgreen – 17th
Julie Peck – 20th
Alicia Homan – 30th
Emily Brannan – 31st

Melinda Santikko – 6th
Bonnie Rantala – 7th
Charles Patterson – 10th
Jim Rau – 11th
Jane Jensen – 15th
Sam Knapp – 16th
Sean O'Brien – 17th
Phil Knapp – 22nd
Lynette Smith – 31st
Roberta Ruef – 31st



Bill and Linda Pepping – 6th
Eric & Tracy Olson – 6th
Ken & Lois Tanula – 8th
Jim and Julie Anderson – 13th
Jeanette and Dennis Vetter – 17th
Jim and Judy Nelson – 18th
Pirkko and Doug Olson – 26th
Ken and Bonnie Rantala – 26th
Rozie and Merv Maki – 29th
Mary Berube and John Schrock – 30th

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><u>Pastor's Hours of Availability:</u> Monday-Thursday 9:00-1:00 Call 715-372-8701 or 715-813-0830 to reach the Pastor</p>	<p><u>Secretary's Hours</u> Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30</p>		<p>1 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Spaghetti Noodles</p>	<p>6 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>7 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>8 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Cereal</p>	<p>13 5:00 Worship Committee 6:30 Education Meeting @ Pizza Parlor 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>14 Pastor's text study Office Closed 10:00 Bayfield Co. Family Support Group meets 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council</p>	<p>15 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>16 Noon WELCA @ Callahan's Cabin for a pontoon potluck</p>	<p>17 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>18 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00</p>
<p>19 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Peanut Butter</p>	<p>20 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>21 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>22 9:30 Bible Study Newsletter Printed</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 10:00 Polka Service & Picnic -Moon Lake Park- Food Shelf Item — Egg Noodles</p>	<p>27 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>28 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>29 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Pastor's Day Off</p>	

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



Thank-You Thank you to everyone who has sent cards and prayers my way.
Carrie DeRosia



NEWSLETTER
BY EMAIL

Receive Your Newsletter By Email- If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please *send an email* to the church secretary at oslsec@cheqnet.net You will receive your newsletter in a readable/printable PDF format.

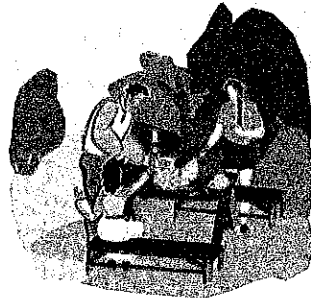
Worship in the Park- Mark your calendar and tell your neighbors. The annual outdoor service and picnic will be 10am, August 26 at Moon Lake Park. Sign-up sheets for Set up, Clean up, Salads, and Deserts are on the bulletin board.

Working For Prayer- Based on responses from the Evangelism Committee's survey, members of the congregation indicated that they would like us to help neighbors with painting or repairs. The committee is seeking those with needs and we are advertising that we will work for prayers.

Community Women's Bible Study- "Loving Well" by: Beth Moore. Beginning Wednesday, August 1st for 4 consecutive Wednesday mornings -A 4 week study. Northern Pines Golf Course from 9:30-11:30. Bring a friend and join everyone for a great time of fellowship, food and fun! See poster for more details.

The Mission of the Month- for August is the ELCA Resource Center.

Free Community Event



Outdoor Polka Worship

Accordion music by Lorren Lindevig

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Community Picnic

Moon Lake Park, Iron River

Sunday, August 26

Worship at 10:00

Picnic 11:00-1:00

Two person horseshoe tournaments

Food

Fellowship

Games

Prizes

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