

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

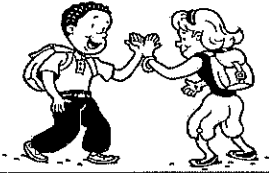
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Pastor's Corner

IMPORTANT INFO – PLEASE READ

Do you remember your first day of school? What was it like? What I remember about first grade was coming home with my neighbor who had just started kindergarten. We missed our bus stop and had to go to the end of the route before the poor bus driver had to take us all the way back. Our poor moms were beside themselves with worry. That day we both learned one thing: PAY ATTENTION when your bus stop is coming...

It's amazing to think how much school has changed, isn't it? Chalkboards are becoming rarer in favor of smart boards, and the little tin lunchboxes with matching thermoses are now considered 'vintage'. Even with all the changes, however, it is remarkable what has stayed the same. Most kids still consider their favorite subject to be recess, school lunches are still – for the most part – terrible, and everyone looks forward to summer vacation. Most importantly, the primary reason for school remains the same. Kids board the school busses at the crack of dawn to learn, and teachers there to greet them with a big mug of coffee in hand, ready to teach.

Just as school has changed – and remained the same – throughout the years, so has the church. The color of our hymnals may change every few years, Sunday School has given way to Wednesday church school, and the congregations in many towns have simply gotten older. What has not changed is our central purpose for attending church: to receive word and sacrament, to uphold one another in prayer, to give God praise, to grow in our faith, and to share God's love with the world.

As we begin this fall, we do so with a slight change to one of the mainstays in church life: the newsletter. **Beginning in October, the primary way to access the newsletter will be through our website: www.ironriverlutherans.com.** This will help us save on printing and postage costs, and has already become a convenient way for members to receive their newsletter. **If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter by mail or via your church box, please call the church office at 372-8728 or leave a note in Evelyn's box by her door.** We realize that not everyone has access to email, and some still prefer a printed copy. For this reason, extra copies of the newsletter will be available at the church.

If you would like to receive a monthly email with a link to the newsletter when it is available, please email Evelyn at oslsec@cheqnet.net with the email address you'd like it sent to. If you already receive emails notifying you when the newsletter is available, or do not care for reminder emails with the link, do nothing. If we don't hear from you, we'll assume that you are happy to access the newsletter at our website at your convenience: www.ironriverlutherans.com We'll still be providing the same newsletter, but the changed format will save us about \$600 per year in printing and postage costs alone.

May God bless you as the summer turns to fall. See you at church!

In Christ,

Pastor Kristina

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting Minutes: August
14, 2012**

Note: These minutes need to be approved at the next council meeting, September 11, 2012.

The meeting of Our Savior's Lutheran Church was called to order by Vice President Sandy Rau. Present: Pastor Kristina, Peg Hipsher, John Joseph, Howard Lehman, Cindy Knapp, Sandy Rau, Bob Ruef, Ken Tanula, Doug Thyberg. Excused: Rozie Maki.

Opening devotions led by Bob Ruef.

Motion by Joseph, 2nd by Knapp to approve the July 2012 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried.

Motion by Hipsher 2nd by Knapp to send any leftover Fig Leaf money to the Food Shelf.

Motion carried.

Doug reviewed the **financial reports** with the council. He had found an error in the roofing account and has corrected it. He is planning to organize an audit of the accounts and present that at the next meeting. Doug will work on sending out giving statements through June, 2012 soon. In response to having a finance committee, Doug suggested he would like to get three people from the congregation that he could train. The position of the financial secretary could be split up in three areas. The three people could then rotate in the three areas to reduce the workload for one person. He will try to coordinate the people by making an announcement in church as well as asking people directly. The council has encouraged him to continue in this direction. Presently there are three teams of counters that are in good working order.

Bob felt for the amount of work this position entails that it should be a paid position.

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

President's report – none.

Pastor's report: Our newsletter is now available to view on the website. Pastor would like to propose that we ask all those who would like to continue to receive the newsletter by mail to sign up to do so and those who are able to view it on the website do so. There would be a substantial savings in paper, time and postage.

Representatives from the Synod Resource Center, Mr. Greg Kaufmann and Ms. Bonnie Weber will be here October 7th giving us a presentation on Synod ministries. On that same Sunday, we are having a new member Sunday followed by a pot luck "brunch". We have the potential for 10 new members if they are all able to attend that Sunday. The council will be taking kitchen duty that day.

Finance Committee: no report.

Honorarium Committee: no report.

Outreach Committee: Meeting next week. The church picnic on August 26th is on the agenda.

Vibrant Faith: no report

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Education: Pastor to commission all teachers in our congregation September 9th. We need at least one more teacher for Wednesday Bible School. Pastor to be meeting with kids in confirmation following church to complete their studies. Pastor would like to encourage the youth to attend Godstock this fall. VBS had about 27 kids daily and a great time was had by all. The group discussed Advent and Christmas Pageant plans.

Mutual Ministry: In formation.

Property Committee: Committee recommends purchasing new "veins" for the blinds in the fellowship hall. Someone thought that some of them did not function. A group to schedule a walk through at the parsonage and will come up w/a list of items that need attention. They are going to add a dedicated electrical line to the kitchen outlets. We have a new vacuum thanks to the Jim Anderson family. Sandy will take the red vacuum to be repaired again. The committee recommends replacing the air conditioner in Pastor's office. The committee was asked to prepare a master calendar.

Stewardship Committee: Will be meeting soon.

Executive Committee: Did not meet

Worship Committee: Met last evening. Planned hymns. Discussed changing the meeting date. September we will use setting 8 from the red hymnal and will go to full communion. Wedding scheduled for September 1st.

Food Shelf Report: Report reviewed, no comments or questions.

Landscaping Committee: Sandy was in contact with the snowmobile committee regarding a memorial for Ann Klinge and a plan is being finalized.

Motion by Joseph, 2nd by Lehman to accept the committee reports. Motion carried.

Old Business: Covered in landscaping report.

New Business: We will be checking with Julie Peck about being Fall Fest Chair and will tentatively have it Oct 3rd.

We discussed continuing to collect magazine's for recycling. More discussion next month.

Our website hosting fee is about to be renewed at 150.00 per year. John is checking to see if we can switch to a less expensive non profit rate somewhere. *Motion by Lehman, 2nd by Cindy to pay for the website hosting fee. Motion carried.*

Add to the sign outside our website address and the picnic date and time.

Discussion regarding a coin toss game we have stored in the shed. Cindy reported that the youth used it in the past for fund raising events. The Lion's club has expressed interest in it. *Motion by Knapp, 2nd by Ruef to sell the coin toss to the Lions club. Motion carried.*

Please remember to check all the doors in the church to make sure they are locked when you leave a meeting.









Meeting adjourned 8:15.

PUZZLE

AMAZING ANIMALS

God created a rich variety of animals to live on the earth.

Directions: Write the name of each animal next to its picture. Then fill in the correct letters to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		_____	_____	_____
1						2			9
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		_____	_____	_____
14		20		11		12			8
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17	7	13	16			19			
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		_____	_____	_____
	18	10				3			6 15

“How _____ are your _____,
 8 6 15 11 _____ 12 2 3 20 13
 O _____! In _____
 1 2 3 4 _____ 12 7 13 14 2 8
 you _____ them _____;
 8 6 14 9 _____ 6 1 1
 the _____ is _____
 9 6 3 10 16 _____ 17 18 1 1
 of your _____.”
 19 3 9 6 10 18 3 9 13

Answers:
 leopard, dove, donkey, worm, fish, camel, butterfly, ant
 “How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all, the earth is full of your creatures.” (Psalm 104:24, NIV)

Just for KIDS

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The books and subjects that we study in school prepare us for our futures and our lives. Studying the Bible is important also. Find what Paul wrote to his young helper, Timothy.

First write a word to fit each definition. Then transfer the letters to the lines below.

Printed and bound sheets of paper	1	2	3	4					
They form the alphabet	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
One who is learning	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
A small test	19	20	21	22					
A group of relatives	23	24	25	26	27	28			
To offer something	29	30	31	32					
Glad	33	34	35	36	37				
Group who works together	38	39	40	41					

“
 24 5 27 11 38 10 26 35 7 14 10 6 21 11 29 2 15

 1 10 9 24 18 33 6 15 24 17 15 21 12

 20 11 40 23 14 27 23 3 10 13 16 24 38 33 21 17 29”

 39 9 1 14 4 21 17 29 38 2 10 10 40 38 8 21 17 29

 34 17 15 7 10 24 21 17 21 17 29 26 17

 39 30 29 33 8 9 3 14 11 17 32 12 11”

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”



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.

September 2

Carolyn Johnson
Peggy Johnson
Marjorie Johnson

September 9

Lloyd Johnson
Nancy Johnson
Terry & Maureen
Johnson

September 16

John & Jeanne Joseph
Ray Kangas
Dorothy Kangas

September 23

Lynette Kesler
Bob & Gerri Kinblom
Jim Klinge

September 30

Phil & Cindy Knapp
Eloise Kuhlmeier
Laurel LaBelle



BIRTHDAYS this month

Eric Olson - 1st
Tammy Sipsas - 4th
JoAnn Forsythe - 5th
Donna Warbalow - 6th
Beau Sipsas - 8th
Beverly Patterson - 8th
Nan Olson - 9th
Linda Pepping - 10th
Bob Ruef - 10th
Barbara Carlson - 11th
Lois Peterson - 11th
Marge Lahti - 11th

Jim Rau - 11th
Jane Joseph - 12th
Patty Lehman - 14th
Krista Grunderman - 14th
Jim Brandmeier - 16th
Chloe Sipsas - 18th
Eloise Kuhlmeier - 21st
Wayne Smith - 24th
Chuck Buran - 26th
Fred Baue - 28th
Tracy Olson - 30th

Volunteer Schedule September 2012

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
September 2	Doug & Nancy Thyberg	Rick Forsythe	Lois Tanula
September 9	Mary Berube & John Schrock	Ginny Pedersen	Volunteer Needed
September 16	Judy Pohjonen & Karen Wicklund	Linda Pepping	Ken Watters
September 23	MaryAnn & Rodney Lahti	Donna Callahan	Volunteer Needed
September 30	Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel	John Schrock	Rita Collins
Monthly			
Ushers: September 2 & 9—Santikko Family September 16, 23 & 30—Forsythe Family			
Greeters: Ted & Donna Callahan			
Acolyte: September 2—Shane Sipsas September 9—Nathan Eisenhauer September 16—Zach Hipsher September 24—Desarae Sipsas September 30—Julia Collins			
Altar Guild: Cindy Knapp			



Jim and Sandy Rau - 8th
Lauri and Lorraine Lind - 11th
Rick and Jody Forsythe - 29th

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

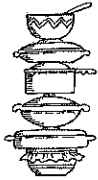
WEDNESDAY

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 Wedding of Tom Trautt & Donna Warbalow</p>
<p>2 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Elbow Macaroni</p>	<p>3 Office Closed Labor Day 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>4 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>5 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>6 Retired Educations Luncheon 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>7 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9:00 a.m. Worship 3rd Year Confirmation following worship Food Shelf Item — Cereal</p>	<p>10 Quilting Class w/ Cheryl Brinker 5:00 Worship Committee 6:30 Education Meeting @ Pizza Parlor 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>11 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council</p>	<p>12 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 First Day of Wed. Bible School 6:30 Choir 7:00 First Year Confirmation Orientation</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>15 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00</p>
<p>16 9:00 a.m. Worship 3rd Year Confirmation following worship Food Shelf Item — Can of fruit</p>	<p>17 Quilting Class w/ Cheryl Brinker 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>18 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>19 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School</p>	<p>20 5:30 WELCA 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>21 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9:00 a.m. Worship 3rd Year Confirmation following worship Food Shelf Item — Toilet paper</p>	<p>24 Quilting Class w/ Cheryl Brinker 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>25 Pastor's text study Office Closed 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>26 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School</p>	<p>27 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>28 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:00 a.m. Worship 3rd Year Confirmation following worship Food Shelf Item — Can or bottle of juice</p>			<p>Newsletter Printed</p>			



Unclaimed
Dishes

The amount of unclaimed dishes in the Fellowship Hall has started to pile up. Please remember to go through them and see if any belong to you. At the end of September all unclaimed dishes will be graciously donated to the Fig Leaf.

Wednesday Bible School- The kids of our community and Our Savior's are looking for someone to teach them about Jesus. Wednesday Bible School begins at 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. If you would like to enlighten the children with stories from the bible, please call Nancy Thyberg or Pastor Kristina.

Fair Trade Coffee- Remember to check out the assortment of Fair Trade coffees and teas for sale in the Fellowship Hall.



Quilting with Cheryl Brinker- Make a stained glass quilt wall hanging or bed quilt. This is fun to make and beautiful looking when it is finished. Classes start September 9th at Our Savior's. See poster or contact WITC for more detail on how to register for this class.

Frank Ludwig Recital- a Frank Ludwig recital is being planned for this fall. Watch for more information to be announced at a later date.

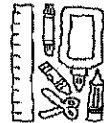
Mission of the Month-

Twin Ports Region Long Term Flood Relief Fund

The *Twin Ports Region Long Term Flood Relief Fund* has been established as one coordinated fund that will address the long-term recovery needs of those affected by the flood in our region. This Fund will help people address unmet needs after all other means of support have been exhausted. Every dollar donated to this fund is being designated to go to victims across the region; administrative fees are being covered by local governments, United Ways, foundations and other agencies.

This is a regional fund to help those affected by the Northland Flash Floods in June. It is not just a Duluth fund. This fund will be available to help those affected in the following areas: Superior/Douglas County, Duluth/St. Louis County, Carlton County, (including Fond du Lac Reservation), Aitkin County, Pine County, and Lake County.

Retired Teachers Luncheon - Our Savior's will again be the location of the Chequamegon Area Retired Educators September luncheon meeting on Thursday, September 6th. In order to provide our usual wonderful hospitality, WELCA is asking for your help with preparing the meal, serving and cleaning-up following the luncheon. If you would like to assist, a sign-up list is provided on the bulletin board.



LWR School Kits - Give a child the opportunity to go to school. Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference

between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford. and when parents can only afford to send one of their children to school, girls rarely get priority... yet studies have shown that the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on development.

WELCA is again sponsoring the Lutheran World Relief School Kit project. Our congregation has always been so generous in contributing to this project and we ask for your help again this year. A few items in the list have changed this year so please take note:

1. Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college rule paper
2. One 30-centimeter ruler or one with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
3. one pencil sharpener
4. one blunt scissors
5. Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers - secure with rubber band
6. Five black or blue ballpoint pens - no gel pens- secure together with a rubber band
7. one box of 16 or 24 crayons
8. one 2-1/2 inch eraser

You may wish to provide some or all of the items needed for a kit. Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used to complete kits. A box is provided in the narthex for donated items. Cash/checks may be given to Linda Watters WELCA treasurer. Thank you for your help with this very important project!



Save the Date

- **Wednesday, October 3rd -**
Our Savior's Lutheran annual
Fall Fest Dinner

Sign-up lists will be posted soon!