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The Gift

An ancient tale describes the creation of the world. Born of God's own breath, land and water were brought into being. Earth and heavens were separated. Creation filled with *good* things: plants and animals of every variety and kind grew and roamed the earth. Last, but not least, God created human kind in this way: he made a man and a woman in his very own image. He formed them from clay and breathed life into them. He fashioned them in wonder, love, and grace.

The story continues:

The man and the woman loved being in such a wonderful creation, surrounded with plants and animals of every kind. They were happy. They were free to rejoice in the very gift of life. The woman and the man wanted for nothing.

One day, a slithery animal pointed out to the woman the *one* thing they lacked. The woman thought about it, and became unhappy. Her thoughts were consumed on that *one* thing. She couldn't eat and she couldn't sleep. She became obsessed about the *one* thing that God hadn't given her. When she couldn't stand it anymore, she took matters into her own hands. She had forgotten how to listen to God. She was too busy listening to the creature telling her: "You *deserve* it. You *should be happy." "Why be content until you have it all? You're better than that."* The man and the woman decided to take matters into their own hands. Instead of being wonderful, it was terrible. They didn't have a sense of contentment like they had thought. The tree of knowledge hadn't given them the power or knowledge they wanted. It only gave them the realization of how far from God they were. For the first time, they were ashamed to stand before God. After all, they weren't even wearing clothes!

God didn't abandon them. He didn't even flinch. He came and found them. But the relationship had changed. On top of that, their garden was foreclosed on. They had to relocate, learn new occupations, and adjust to life in 'the real world'.

Those foolish people! We are the smart ones. We know that they needed a lot more than just knowledge to be happy. How could they be content? They didn't even have electricity! No internet, no cell phones, no cars to get around – not even a bicycle! We are much happier than Adam and Eve ever could be. What would life be without Dancing with the Stars, Survivor, and the Bachelorette? I don't even want to know. You see – we have everything we could ever want. We need no one, nothing. We've finally arrived! Who needs a *tree* of knowledge?! We have Wikepedia, Google, and smartphones.

I haven't told anyone this, but sometimes I have these bad dreams where I start to feel that I'm missing something about life. I have no idea what it could be, but that nagging feeling won't go away, even when I wake up. I don't talk about it because I keep thinking it must be my imagination. But it haunts me. What if I've missed the point? What if I am the one that has it all wrong? What if this "Creator" really did make us for a different purpose altogether? But I don't really have time to think about it.

I wish that there was some way I could know for sure. Some sign that would be big enough for all of us to see. Something that we couldn't miss. Some kind of gift that would make that nagging feeling in my dreams go away. If only that Creator had a way of talking to me. If only.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Congregational Council Minutes Meeting Minutes September 11, 2012.

Note: These minutes need to be approved at the next council meeting, October 9, 2012.

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

The meeting opened with devotion from Ephesians 1, Chapter 1 led by Howard Lehman.

Motion to approve secretary's report from August 2012 Council meeting by Howard Lehman, 2nd by Doug Thyberg. Motion carried.

Doug gave the financial report. He reported that we now have a finance committee consisting of Pirkko Olson, Jim Pederson (after Jan 1) and Dick Rewault. The group has not met yet.

President's report - none.

Pastor's report reviewed prior to the meeting. Upcoming highlights include Greg Kaufman to be here to speak October 7th. New membership installation will be October 7th. There will be a Synod Cluster Meeting in Hayward October 21st at 4pm.@ Faith Lutheran Church. All council is encouraged to attend and bring a friend. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to attend. On Saturday, March 16th at Chippewa Valley Middle School a synod even titled "Walking Together" will be held. More information regarding this will come.

Pastor gave us information regarding her ideas on services and pastoral coverage for her upcoming maternity leave. The council referred the discussion to the worship committee.

Memorial/Honorarium Committee – no meeting.

Outreach and Evangelism – They will be hosting breakfast this Saturday during Food Shelf Distribution. They have planning in the works for community events starting in January.

Vibrant Faith - no meeting.

Education – Report reviewed prior to meeting. Highlights are five to be confirmed October 28. A request for faith chests was made. A new confirmation class is to start Wednesday, September 12 following Wednesday Bible School. There is still a need for teachers for Wednesday Bible School. Three area Lutheran churches would like to hold events for all four youth groups this year. Pastor is encouraging all high school youth to attend Godstock in Eau Claire in November at \$125.00 per participant.

Mutual Ministry - not set up.

Property – Howard reported there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 at 9am.

Stewardship – Cindy Knapp and Pastor have met, reviewed and ordered materials, set a timeline and discussed a banner. October 21st will be commitment Sunday followed by a Continental Potluck Breakfast.

Executive Committee did not meet.

Worship Committee did not meet.

Food Shelf had no report.

Landscaping – Sandy reported she continues to work on projects.

A motion to approve committee reports as given by Cindy Knapp, 2nd by Ken Tanula, motion carried.

Old Business: Fall fest coordinator Julie Peck has things underway.

Magazine recycling tabled.

Web site hosting tabled.

Cindy reported the game in the storage shed was given to the Lions club and in turn the Lions club donated \$300.00. Motion by Cindy, 2nd by Doug to use the money for supply pastors. Motion carried.

New Business: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) group is looking to use the church to hold their weekly meetings at Tuesdays at 9am. Linda Waters would be the contact for this group.

Also, there is a request for a group to meet regarding you pet's behavior on Thursday Evenings. They would like to use the DVD and television. No pets are to be here at this time, only pet owners. Pastor to get the contact person's name and number on file.

Motion to welcome TOPS and Pet Behavior group to our facility by Howard Lehman, 2nd by Cindy Knapp. Motion carried.

In light of a busy week of a wedding and two funeral services there became a need for extra cleaning. Evelyn has expressed an interest in cleaning the church following an event. The council reviewed the Funeral and Memorial Service policy. The policy that was adopted March 9, 2009 has a \$50.00 building use fee. Pastor was sure the policy was changed to omit the \$50.00 building use fee. A motion by Cindy and 2nd by Doug to reinstate the \$50.00 building use fee. Motion carried.

Cindy reported that Tricia Talso has offered to purchase the extra children's chairs stored in the shed. A motion to provide smiling faces with the children's chairs 2nd by Doug. Motion carried.

Howard will continue with cleaning the church and communion assistant through the first Sunday in October. Cindy and Doug will split up November and December cleaning and communion assistant between them.

Respectfully submitted 09-11-2012 Peggy Hipsher, Secretary

WELCA Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 20, 2012

Twelve members were present for the September meeting of WELCA. President Linda Watters led in the table grace and WELCA Purpose Statement.

The secretary's minutes of the August meeting were approved with the following additions: The date of the Cookie/Craft/Lefse Sale has been set for Saturday, December 8th. . We will prepare potatoes for lefse on Wednesday, December 5th and grill the lefse on Thursday, December 6th. The Baby Shower for Jesus is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th at 11:30 p.m.

The treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$1,904.41. WELCA served 37 people at the Chequamegon Area Retired Educators luncheon on Thursday, September 6th. A profit of \$265.27 was realized. The report will be filed for audit.

Peggy Hipsher attended the meeting with several requests from the property committee. Many of the blinds in Fellowship Hall are in disrepair. Peggy asked if a few of the ladies would take on the task of getting estimates for the cost of repairing them and/or replacing them. Janelle Armbruster, Linda Hultman and Debbie Landgreen volunteered to do this. She also indicated that the council is considering remodeling of the two bathrooms. It was asked if WELCA would be willing to purchase changing tables for each of the bathrooms. This has been a topic of discussion at many WELCA meetings and it was agreed that WELCA funds would be used for this purpose.

WELCA served at the funerals of Clint Evanstad and Myrna Kangas this past month. Both families made donations to WELCA for serving lunch. Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board.

Correspondence included a thank you from Luther Park for the donation of 3 baskets, a quilt and several individual items for their auction. Sandy Rau delivered the items for us.

A letter was received from Second Harvest Food Bank. A motion was made by Laurel LaBelle/2nd by Sandy Rau/ passed to send a \$100 to the organization.

A letter was read from Operation Christmas Child. After some discussion it was decided to post the information on the bulletin board in case individuals would like to participate on their own.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits are due October 13th in Ironwood, MI. Donations from members of our congregation have been very generous. An inventory will be taken to determine what items are still needed to complete kits.

New Day Shelter will again be the recipients of the gifts collected at the Baby Shower for Jesus. More discussion will be held at a later date.

WELCA will be purchasing white cloth table coverings for use at funerals and other events. Diana Teppo and Bertie Ruef will check into this.

A request was made by one of our members to help out a family in our community that is going through difficult times due to illness and other extenuating circumstances. A motion was made/2nd/passed to provide \$200 to help the family.

Our secretary, Evelyn, has discussed with Pastor the difficulty of finding people to serve coffee on Sunday mornings. Several at the meeting feel it is expecting a lot of the servers to also provide snacks for up to 100 people. Pastor Kristina and Julie Peck will meet to develop possible resolutions to the situation which will be presented to members for consideration during fellowship time in the near future.

As there was no further business the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Julie Peck, Secretary



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.

October 7

Archie & Kathy Lahti Tim & Debbie Landgreen Howard & Patty Lehman

October 21

Rodney & MaryAnn Lahti Sue Lindquist Chris Lindquist

October 14

Marge Lahti Marge Larson Ray Levine

October 24

Lauri & Lorraine Lind Merwyn Lovblad Clarence & Marilyn Leverance



BIRTHDAYS this month

Ken Rantala –5th
Dennis Vetter –7th
Tyler Eisenhauer –12th
Clifford Follis –13th
Arlene Crowley –16th
Judy Pohjonen –21st
Luke Drougas –24th
John Buran –26th
Ginny Pederson –31st

Terry Johnson –3rd
Shayden Bradley – 8th
Jim DeRosia –12th
Donna Callahan –14th
Tim Landgreen 19th
Jennifer Forsythe –22nd
Rodney Lahti –24th
Desarae Sipsas – 28th
Jerry Talso –31st

Volunteer Schedule Ocotober 2012

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery	
October 7	Ken & Linda Watters & Carrie DeRosia Ginny Pedersen & Bonnie Rantala John Joseph Tom Boggess		Nancy Thyberg	
October 14			Volunteer Needed	
October 21	Ted & Donna Callahan	Jerry Peck	Ken Watters	
October 28	Doug & Nancy Thyberg	Himma Santikko	Volunteer Needed	

Monthly

Ushers: Nan & Jim Olson

Greeters: Collins Family

Acolyte: October 7—Samantha DeRosia

October 14—Taya McClure

October 21—Shane Sipsas

October 28—Nathan Eisenhauer

Altar Guild: Linda Hultman & Debbie Landgreen



Jim and Ginny Pedersen – 6th Amy and Jens Gregerson – 10th Charles and Beverly Patterson – 12th Bruce and Judy Pohjonen – 25th Lynette and Keith Kesler –26th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

October 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	Pastor's text study	3	4	5 Pastor's Day Off	6
	10:00-3:00 Quilting	Office Closed 9:00 TOPS	Deadline for School Kit items	9:30-11:30		
	5:00 Worship	9:00 peel potatoes and rutabagas	9:30 Bible Study	Beth Moore Bible Study		
	6:30 Education at the Pizza Parlor	10:00 set up for Fall Fest	3:45 Wed. Bible School	6-8pm Peaceful		
	7:00 Al-Anon	5:30 Yoga 6:30 Choir	4:30-7:00 Fall Fest Roast Beef & Pork Dinner	Pet Training (please leave pet at home)		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 a.m. Worship New Member's Sunday— Potluck following worship	10:00-3:00 Quilting	Pastor's text study Office Closed 9:00 TOPS	9:30 Bible Study	9:30-11:30 Beth Moore Bible Study	Pastor's Day Off	
Food Shelf Item —		5:30 Yoga	3:45 Wed. Bible School	1:00 packaging of LWR School Kits		
Rice	7:00 Al-Anon	6:30 Council	5:15 Confirmation	6:30 Choir		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 a.m. Worship	10:00-3:00 Quilting	Pastor's text study Office Closed	0.20 D#1. Gto do	5:30 WELCA	Pastor's Day Off	
3 rd Year Confirmation		9:00 TOPS	9:30 Bible Study	7:00 Choir		
following worship			3:45 Wed. Bible School	Pastor at conference gathering		Food Shelf 9:00-11:00
Food Shelf Item — Instant Potatoes	7:00 Al-Anon	5:30 Yoga	5:15 Confirmation		Newsletter Deadline	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 a.m. Worship 3 rd Year Confirmation	10:00-3:00 Quilting	Pastor's text study Office Closed	9:30 Bible Study		Pastor's Day Off	
following worship		9:00 TOPS	3:45 Wed. Bible School	6:30 Choir		
4:00 Bishop Cluster Gathering- Hayward~All Welcome		1:00-4:00 Chronic Pain Class	5:15 Confirmation			
Food Shelf Item — Peanut Butter	7:00 Al-Anon	5:30 Yoga	Newsletter Printed			
28	29	30	31		Pastor's Hours	Socretamy's
9:00 a.m. Reformation Sunday Confirmation	10:00-3:00 Quilting	Pastor's text study Office Closed 9:00 TOPS	9:30 Bible Study		of Availability: Monday-Thursday	<u>Secretary's</u> <u>Hours</u> Monday,
-Wear Red-			_		9:00-1:00	Wednesday,
Food Shelf Item — Cereal		1:00-4:00 Chronic Pain Class	3:45 No Wed. Bible School or Confirmation		Call 715-372-8701 or 715-813-0830 to	Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30
Coroni	7:00 Al-Anon	5:30 Yoga			reach the Pastor	



Many of you recently received letters in the mail detailing the current focus on stewardship. Below are a few stories that have inspired us, and we think that you will enjoy too.

-Your stewardship committee

Eight-Year-Old Has a Heart for Giving

Last Sunday after worship, an usher handed me a pledge card to pass along to our stewardship chair. I was about to routinely file it in her mailbox when I noticed the handwriting. I immediately got a lump in my throat. The pledge card was from a child. The scrawled name read "Tyler Brunty." Tyler is a bright-eyed eight-year-old who loves baseball and singing in our youth choir. Then the lump in my throat got bigger and several tears welled up when I saw that Tyler had pledged in 2011 to give to God through the church one dollar per week.

I called his folks Sunday evening to ask them if they knew about this. Tyler's mom, Jennifer, said, "Oh, yes. Tyler asked us to please get him a pledge card."

His parents explained to Tyler that their giving as a family included Tyler; that Tyler's gift was already a part of their 2011 pledge. Tyler replied: "I know that you give for us, but I want to give God something from me. I don't give anything now, but if I do next year, just think of all the good things God will do through my gift! That is why I want to pledge."

Jennifer said, "On the way home after church, Tyler kept talking and talking about his pledge, asking his dad and me about the chores he could do to earn his dollar a week to give to God." Hearing this story Sunday night completely humbled me—and encouraged me. On Tuesday, I saw Tyler's grandmother and asked her if she had heard of her grandson's incredible act of faith and love.

His grandmother shared, "There's more: Tyler hasn't stopped talking about his pledge. He now wants to do even more chores so that he can give God two dollars each week."

John Van Nuys, pastor of Wabash Avenue
Presbyterian Church in Crawfordsville, Indiana

Lives that Overflow with Generosity

If the highest goal in life is to accumulate money, Dottie and Roland are odd-ones-out. However, they have, in a counter-cultural way, become very rich in terms that money-hungry people might not understand.

For the past seven years, Dottie and Roland have given away their time and energies, which on the market might have brought them a couple hundred thousand dollars, given Dottie's experience in nursing and Roland's wide-ranging skills in the arts and sciences. But this thought is mine, not theirs.

"We have friends all over the world," says Dottie. Roland adds, "We have traveled. We have enjoyed our vocations. It's been a privilege to work for the church."

Over the years they have found creative ways to enhance their opportunities to travel. In 1971-72 and again in 1981-82 they volunteered to work in East Africa. In Kenya, Dottie traveled to Maasai villages, where she taught sewing and health classes. "Many had never held a scissor in their hands before," she says. Roland taught seventh grade and art for junior and senior high school students at Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi. The guest house in Nairobi benefited from Dottie's redecorating and Roland's work in the gardens.

Back in Phoenix, Roland tutored students in English as a second language and gave direction to the remodeling of classrooms, AV booth, and stage area at Trinity. Dottie has channeled many participants to Love in Action, where she herself has worked. Although now closed, Love in Action occupied 12 storefronts in an extensive ministry providing food, clothing, and household essentials to the working poor.

One day a woman came to the clothing room, where, in an allotted amount of time, she had the privilege of collecting clothing for her family. Dottie made herself available to help. The woman noticed and then mentioned Dottie's loose shoelace. As Dottie stopped to retie her shoe, the woman said, "Please, may I tie your shoes for you?" Dottie compared this event with footwashing, an act of servanthood.

Why do Dottie and Roland express generosity in this manner? Not because of a huge financial kitty. Nor do they articulate an intellectual philosophy of pro-social altruistic philanthropy. And certainly they don't do it to get into heaven. Dottie and Roland, in an unassuming way, give back to God a love of creative and redemptive work.



Mission of the month- for the month of October is the Northwest Wisconsin Synod Resource Center. resource center provides curriculum, Bible study materials, and numerous books for area congregations to use. They do not receive funding from the synod: their budget comes only through donations received from individuals and congregations.

Oct. 7: Potluck and presentation to follow service

Mark your calendars! Lots is happening on Oct. 7. First. we receive 10 new members during worship service. But that's not all. To help us celebrate, Greg Kaufmann and Bonnie Weber, coordinators of the Synod Resource Center, will join us for worship. Greg Kaufmann, a dynamic speaker with a great sense of humor and teacher of the Synod's lay school of ministry, will preach. Following the service, Greg and Bonnie will share a presentation as we eat about the ministries of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, including the Resource center and the Book of Faith Initiative. You won't want to miss this!

Oct. 21: Commitment Sunday

Save the date! Commitment Sunday is coming up. We celebrate the resources that God has given us to share and will renew our commitment and support of the ministry God has given us. A continental breakfast will follow service.

Oct. 21: Synod Cluster Meeting with Bishop Pederson

Bishop Pederson invites all of us for questions and conversations at 4:00pm on October 21 at First Lutheran Church in Hayward. Bishop Pederson is hosting five meetings throughout the synod. This is your chance to ask questions about the ministry, operations, and vision of our synod - or anything else! He will also talk about the process of electing a new Bishop for our synod that will take place this year at Synod Assembly. Bishop Pederson recently announced that he will not seek a second term as Bishop. God has called him to different ministries. Please sign up on the "Cluster Meeting" sheet on the volunteer bulletin board if you are interested in attending by October 14th. This will allow us to coordinate car pools and RSVP to the synod staff.

Rural care & Share Food Shelf-The Food Shelf will again this year be giving out thanksgiving "baskets" with the assistance of all the involved churches. Our Saviors "mission" in this is to supply 65 Pkgs. of Stuffing, box or package will be fine. Please keep this in mind when grocery shopping. A basket will be provided soon for the collection of the Stuffing. Thank you

Help Needed- Confirmation Sunday is October 28th. We need 5 Faith Chests for those being confirmed. Let's keep the tradition going. If you can make a Faith Chest or two, please contact the Thybergs at 372-5249 or let Pastor know. Thanks in advance for your help.

Prayer Shawls and Prayer Quilts are Needed- If you have time to make a prayer shawl or prayer quilt, it would be greatly appreciated. We are currently out.



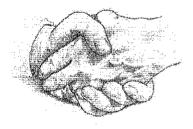


LWR School Kits - Once again, members of Our Savior's Lutheran have been very generous in providing items for WELCA's Lutheran World Relief School Kits project. If you have already purchased items, they

need to be delivered to the church no later than Wednesday, October 3rd. At that time, an inventory will be taken to see what items are still needed to complete the kits. Monetary donations are still being accepted to help cover the cost of these items as well as shipping of the kits and guilts made by our guilters. You may turn in donations to Linda Watters. Kits will be packaged for shipping on Thursday, October 11th at 1 p.m. If you would like to help, we invite you to join us.

A personal approach to life threatening illness

October 18, 2012 | 6:30 - 9PM Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center



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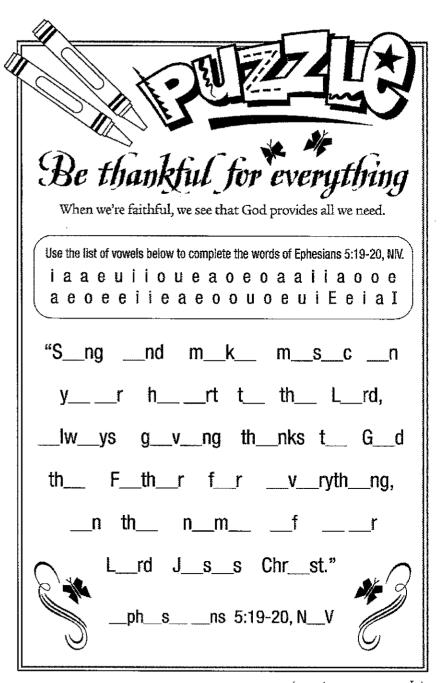
- what is it?
- why is if needed?
- what are a patient's options? what is available locally?
- how to speak with your provider about your wishes If you are terminally ill.

Led by Dr. David Weissman, a nationally recognized leader in palliative care.

This event is open to the public and FREE of charge.

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Answers: beart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.



Answer: Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:19-20, MIV)