

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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November



2012

Pastor's Corner

Anticipate!

King David, King Solomon and Job have been our constant companions over the summer and the fall as we have made our way together through a portion of the Old Testament. During the month of November, we spend time with two women integral to Israel's story. Ruth, an immigrant from the despised enemy nation of Moab, became great-grandmother to King David. Hannah, barren and full of despair, was blessed by God to be mother to the prophet Samuel who anointed King Saul and later King David over Israel.

I have been struck by the many comments from you about how much you have enjoyed spending time in these stories. Often times we jump so quickly to the Gospels, that, in our rush to meet Jesus we skip over some of the most interesting and relevant stories in the entire Bible.

This Advent, our congregation will embark on a program together called Anticipate! Just like we have done over the past few months, our window to the manger in Bethlehem will be through the stories told in the Old Testament. We will have a whirlwind tour of the major events in Israel's history that culminated in Jesus' birth at Bethlehem. We will see how the whole story fits together through the focal point of something called "The Jesse Tree". Each of 25 stories central to the history of God's salvation through Jesus Christ is represented by an ornament hung on the barren branches of a tree in the center of our sanctuary. Several ornaments will be added each week in our Sunday Morning service.

You will see evidence of the Anticipate program throughout all aspects of our congregational worship and activities this Advent. The kids will color the ornaments and participate in readings. Our Wednesday Morning Bible Studies will correspond with the readings. At our December 8 Advent Fair (2-4pm), kids will have an opportunity to make miniature Jesse Trees with the ornaments for their families to use.

Most important to me, we will read daily devotions together that take us through the highlights of the 25 Biblical events depicted in the ornaments. It is my hope that every individual and family at Our Savior's will participate in this. Look for the "Anticipate" devotionals and order forms on display in both the Narthex and the fellowship hall. Orders are due Nov. 21st. The devotionals are beautiful, easy to read, and only \$6 per copy. It is my hope that as we anticipate Christ's birth, we do so as a community shaped and formed by the power of the Word.

Peace to you this November,

Pastor Kristina Jensen

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church Congregational Council Minutes Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2012.**

Note: These minutes need to be approved at the next council meeting, November 13, 2012.

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

The meeting opened with devotion from Ephesians, Chapter 2 led by Doug.

Motion to approve secretary's report from September 2012 Council meeting by Sandy Rau, 2nd by Rozie Maki. Motion carried.

Doug presented the financial report. *Motion to accept the financial report subject to audit by John Joseph, 2nd by Bob Ruef. Motion carried.*

Motion to spend \$250.00 from fall fest proceeds on Chaperones for Godstock and the remainder of the proceeds will be distributed at the November meeting by Cindy Knapp, 2nd by John Joseph. Motion carried.

Pastor's report was shared with all.

Motion to receive new members Daniel Atkinson, Donna Kramolis, John Kramolis, Tom Walsh, Diane Walsh, Damon Walsh, Melissa Walsh, Brittni Walsh and Ryan Walsh-Lahti by Cindy Knapp, 2nd by Doug Thyberg. Motion carried.

Motion to accept youth for confirmation as Samantha DeRosia, Zach Hipsher, Chelsea Hipsher, Tay McClure, and Deserea Sipsas by Cindy Knapp, 2nd by John Joseph. Motion carried.

Finance Committee met yesterday. Dick Rewalt, Pirkko Olson and Doug. Doug had them count the offering so they could review the system. They reviewed the financials and discussed the budget. Another meeting will be scheduled after the pledges have come in. They plan to have a budget ready for the November council meeting.

Memorial/Honorarium Committee did not meet.

Outreach and Evangelism Committee did not meet.

Vibrant Faith did not meet.

Education did not meet.

Mutual Ministry no yet formed.

Property Committee report from September 18 meeting discussed five maintenance items they will be working on over the next several months. They will be getting in a budget to the finance committee soon.

Stewardship Committee reported they have one more mailing and a ceremony for the 21st to wrap up the stewardship drive.

Executive Committee did not meet.

Worship Committee reported planning for two upcoming baptisms. Advent planning is almost complete. Christmas Eve services are scheduled for 5pm and 7:30pm.

Food shelf Committee celebrates they have been located at Our Savior's for one year.

Landscaping had no report.

Old Business:

Fall Fest – Discussion during financial report.

Building Use Fee – Tabled until next month.

Synod Cluster Meeting October 21. Please invite a member of the congregation to join us and sign up on the bulletin board.

Magazine Recycle. John talked with Kent about delivery. After some discussion, it was decided we would ask members to keep their magazines at home and have a drive to bring in recycling in the spring. We would like to have bags on hand for people to bring home and fill before bringing in recycling.

Website Hosting. John has found a new site that is free. Thanks John.

Motion to adjourn by John, 2nd by Cindy.

Lord's prayer.

Submitted by Secretary Peggy Hipsher

Our Savior's Lutheran WELCA Minutes
October 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Linda Hultman helping Linda Watters out while she is visiting family in Iowa. The meeting began with prayer and the WELCA Purpose. There were 10 ladies present. Thank you, Linda H., Laurel LaBelle and Bertie Ruef for preparing, serving, and clean up for the meal. Next month Sandy Rau and Dianna Teppo will be in charge of the meal.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report as of September 20, 2012 was presented and read. It was noted Debbie Landgreen will check on purchasing cloth tablecloths not Bertie and Dianna as recorded in September's minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Linda H. read the report as prepared by Linda W. As of October 18th, Checkbook Balance: \$2313.09, Fund Balance: \$881.92 with the Balance on Hand: \$1,431.17. The report was filed for audit.

A thank you was read to WELCA from Lee and Dona Kiggins .

School Kits and quilts were delivered to Ironwood MI by Debbie. There were 47 kits. Postage for them was \$65.80. There were 8 quilts with postage of \$18.00.

Discussion:

- a. Altar Guild room cleaning. Dates set are: October 30th, 9:00 a.m. and November 13th 9:00 a.m. During this time, the kitchen can be spruced up too.
- b. Attic: This space also needs to be cleaned and inventoried.
- c. Important dates coming up! **Cookie/Craft/Lefse Sale is December 8th. Baby Shower for Jesus is December 12th at 11:30 a.m.**
- d. The scale for TOPS needs to be put in another room and used by authorized people only.
- e. "Orphaned" baking pans, bowls, will be donated to the Fig Leaf.
- f. Sunday Coffee serving: It is not the responsibility of the servers to provide treats. A section explaining this has been written in the Sunday "Take Me Home" section and a sign-up sheet for treats is up on the bulletin board by the kitchen.
- g. Food Shelf breakfast: The Evangelism Committee is looking for additional help from our church members. At least one person from Evangelism would be present during the breakfast to "train" new folks.
- h. Aluminum cans continue to be collected for recycling by Harry Danula. Thank you for doing this, Harry.
- i. Sandy Rau has offered her place for making decorative wooden stick chairs suitable for putting pots of plants, etc. on. These are not strong enough to sit on! They can be sold at the December 8th sale.
- j. Item to discuss at the November meeting: When making donation requests, how much and what form they should be given to recipients. (i.e. gas cards)

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is November 15th at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hultman, secretary pro tem.



Volunteer Schedule November 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.

November 4

Merv & Rozie Maki
Karen Moran
Robert & Kathy Neilson

November 11

Jan Modeen
Reen Modeen
Olivia Mieritz

November 18

Jim & Judy Nelson
Bobbi Kay Nordeen
John & Tammy O'Brien

November 25

Willard Ogren
Pirkko Olson
Eric & Tracy Olson



BIRTHDAYS this month

Gavin Olson - 1st
Jacob Follis - 1st
Kayla Brandmeier - 2nd
Luke Lindquist - 3rd
Peggy Hipsher - 5th
Kathy Rewalt - 5th
Diane Walsh - 6th
Marjorie Johnson - 7th
Rick Forsythe - 7th
Ashley Lahti - 7th
Justina Forsythe - 7th
Damon Walsh - 10th

Megan Thyberg - 11th
Sue Lindquist - 13th
Tom Trautt - 13th
Janice Kuralle - 14th
Beverly Paterson - 14th
Samuel Jensen - 22nd
Nancy Thyberg - 22nd
Ramona Baltscheit - 25th
Linda Hultman - 25th
Chelsea Hipsher - 29th
Pirkko Olson - 30th


Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
November 4	Jane Bragiel & Kent Getty	Jonathan Jensen	Rita Collins
November 11	Mary Berube & John Schrock	Kari Williams	Volunteer Needed
November 18	Tom & Donna Trautt	Cindy Knapp	Nancy Thyberg
November 25	Tim & Debbie Landgreen	Jane Jensen	Volunteer Needed
Monthly			
Ushers: Nov. 4 & 11—L. LaBelle & Jane Jensen Nov. 18 & 25—Dick Rewalt			
Greeters: Nov. 4, 11 & 18—Karen Wicklund Nov 25—Volunteer Needed			
Acolyte: TBA			
Altar Guild: Nov. 4, 11 & 18—Laurel LaBelle Bertie Ruef Nov. 25—Sandy Rau & Carol Danula			



Ken & Linda Watters - 9th

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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</p> <p>6:30 Choir 6-8pm Peaceful Pet Training (please leave pet at home)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>Food Shelf Item — Paper Towels</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00-3:00 Quilting 2:00-4:00 Community Cantata Practice 6:30 Education meeting @ Pizza Parlor 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pastor's text study Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>10</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>Godstock High School Youth Event</p> </div>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Food Shelf Item — Peanut Butter</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>Godstock High School Youth Event</p> </div>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00-3:00 Quilting 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pastor's text study Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 10:00 Bayfield Co. Family Support Group 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:00 Altar Meeting 5:30 WELCA 7:00 Choir Pastor @Continuing Ed</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Food Shelf 9:00-11:00</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Food Shelf Item — Cans of Fruit</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00-3:00 Quilting 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pastor's text study Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study <i>No Wed. Bible School</i> <i>No Confirmation</i> Thanksgiving Eve Service 5:00pm @ Calvery Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Food Shelf Item — Kleenex</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00-3:00 Quilting 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pastor's text study Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:15 Confirmation 5:00 4 Church High School Youth Group @ Trinity Lutheran in L. Nebagamon</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pastor @Continuing Ed</p>	<p>30</p>	

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 **75 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

Baby Shower for Jesus--Wish List

*CASH

*Paper products- toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, napkins

*Laundry products- detergent, dryer sheets, bleach

*Cleaning supplies and garbage bags

*Disposable plates and silverware

*Any non-perishable food items- Unexpired boxed foods (cereal, mac & cheese, hamburger helper, etc.) pasta noodles, pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, soup, coffee, coffee creamer, and juice.

*Personal Products-Women's razors, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene supplies, over the counter pain and cold relievers

*Baby items- diapers (size 4,5 and 6), baby wipes, baby wash and shampoo

*Women's robes and nightgowns



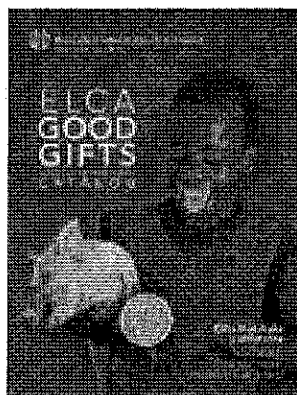
The 2nd Annual Advent Family Day will be held Dec 8 from 2pm - 4pm. It is for families to spend time together creating and crafting items. Last year we were busy with cookie decorating, banner making, stamping, twig stars, and some jewelry. If you would be interested in hosting an activity table, please let us know. If you would like more information or would like to participate talk to Nancy Thyberg, Cindy Knapp, Peg Hipsher, Linda Hultman or Kathy Rewalt.

A Big Thank you- Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's efforts for Lutheran World Relief. All efforts are greatly appreciated – from the person who donates a pencil to the quilter, to the person who helps with loading day. We collected items for school kits, baby kits, fabric kits, and personal care kits. We also collected soap bars, blankets and quilts. Sixteen churches from Ewen to Iron River Wisconsin to Arbor Vitae Wisconsin brought their boxed items – enough to fill an entire larger moving truck – 4240 pounds worth of goods. There was a great gathering of volunteers who loaded on a wonderful Saturday morning on October 6. The LWR Center in South St. Paul, Minnesota was glad to receive our shipment on Monday, October 8. They will begin the process of unpacking all of our boxes, sorting and baling and then shipping our items all over the world, where they service the needs presented to them. Together we have truly made a difference.

Yours In Christ,

Mary Hitt, Coordinator for the Ironwood Loading Site

Coffee Fellowship Time- A big "thank you" is certainly in order to those people who serve at coffee time after church each Sunday! In an effort to make their job a little easier and less time consuming, we would like to suggest that when finished, everyone bring their cups, glasses, and napkins to the serving counter. Although it was never the intent, recently these same people have also ended up providing the treats. We would like to keep their responsibility to just setting up, making the coffee and juice and cleaning up. Beginning this Sunday, a sign-up list will be provided with spaces for four people to sign up for each Sunday. That way, each person will only need to bring 1 pan of bars or 2 dozen cookies, or 2 loaves of sweet bread, etc. For those that are unable to bake, we suggest bagels cut in half, cut-up fruit, donut holes, cookies from a bakery, cheese and crackers, etc. We're hoping that everyone in our congregation will take their turn thus making the job manageable for those involved. We are also looking for coordinators to say that they will assure that 4 people are signed up for each Sunday for a two month period. Again, this is in an effort to keep the job manageable and not over-whelming. Please watch for the sign-up list on the serving table this Sunday. Thank you in advance for your participation!



Do you ever have trouble finding the perfect gift for your loved ones? The ELCA Good Gifts offers a way to find the unexpected gift for the person who already has everything. Gifts range from farm animals, to soup kitchens, to micron loans, to Bibles, and many other options. The Evangelism Committee has ordered extra catalogs for those who are interested in this kind of gifting. They are available in the fellowship hall. Feel free to take one home or go to www.elca.org/goodgifts. ELCA Good Gifts help rethink the tradition of gift giving and get to the heart of why we give. "We love because God first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

Mission of the Month- Our mission for the month of November is the Rural Care and Share Food Bank.

Is The Baptismal Font A Hexagon Or Octagon Shape?

The Altar Guild met on October 18 with 9 members present. We thanked several people for their work to serve our church; Bertie Ruef cleaned the Acolyte gowns and will clean and sort the gloves, Sandy Rau and Mary Berube made the new Stewardship banner, Laurel LaBelle and Shirley Saker volunteered to repair the Baptismal banner, Linda Hultman and Debbie Landgreen are doing October Altar care and Laurel LaBelle, Bertie Ruef and Carol Danula will do November Altar care.

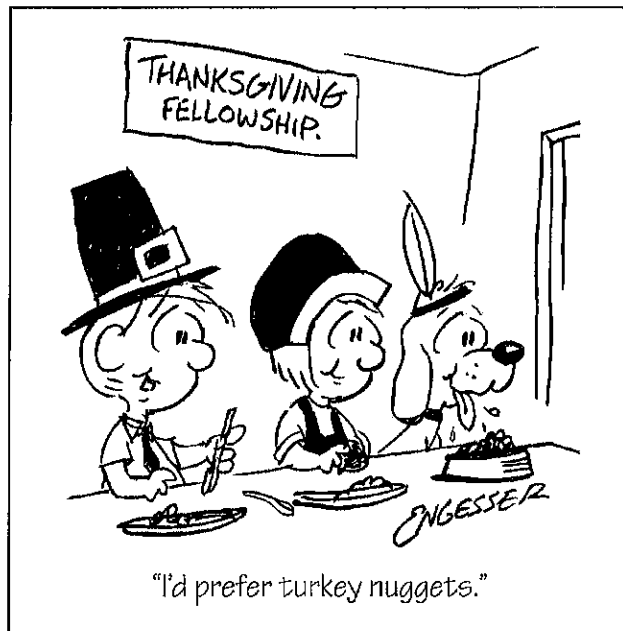
We had a lesson on how to set up for baptism at Our Savior's and read, chapter 5. Baptism, from the Altar Guild and Sacristy Handbook. We read that, "Holy Baptism is our watery entrance into the church of Christ" (pg. 43). We learned about the symbolic meaning of water as an agent of life and death. "We are raised out of the water to share in the new life of Christ" (pg. 45). Even the shape of the font is meaningful. Our font is an 8 sided, or octagonal shape, the eight sides refer to Easter Sunday, considered the "eighth day" which was the day of Jesus resurrection.

In historical times the font of water was kept covered to keep it safe and secure from theft, but now we uncover our font to make it available for people to see and touch it as a reminder of their own baptism. Our font is placed in the center aisle, at the entrance of the nave, as a reminder of our baptism into the family of God.

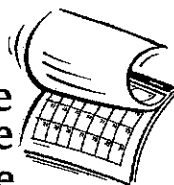
The next Altar guild meeting will be November 15, 5-5:30pm. We will continue our lesson on the elements of baptism and make plans for Advent and Christmas. Sandy Rau, President

WELCA – Fair Trade Coffee and Fair Trade Tea

Have you started shopping for those on your Holiday list? Check out the Fair Trade Coffee and Fair Trade Tea for sale in the fellowship hall. WELCA has several varieties available in ground and whole bean coffee. This would make a great holiday gift!



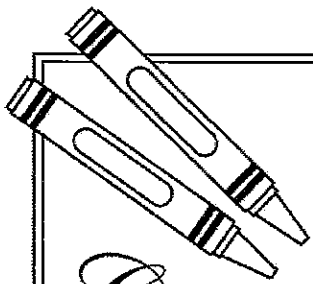
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Date



There are lots of activities going on in December. More details about each event will come soon. For now, please mark the following on your calendar:

Dec. 5 (Wed.)	9:00 a.m. Lefse Potato Peeling
Dec. 6 (Thurs.)	9:00 a.m. Lefse Making
Dec. 8 (Sat.)	Lefse and Cookie Sale
Dec. 8	2 – 4pm Community Advent Fair (crafts and goodies for ages 2-92)
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	Annual Budget Meeting (following worship)
Dec. 12 (Wed.)	11:30 a.m. Baby Shower for Jesus
Dec. 15 (Sat.)	2:00 p.m. Cantata Concert – St. Michael's
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	Children's Christmas Program (during worship)
Dec. 23 (Sun.)	5:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service
Dec. 24 (Mon.)	****Christmas Eve Services 5pm and 7:30pm****

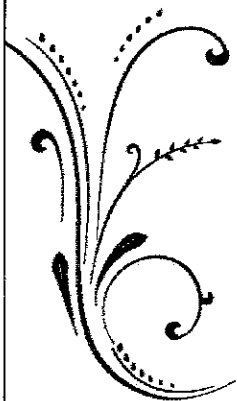
Please note the new times for our Christmas Eve Services



Just for **KIDS**

Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS." GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.



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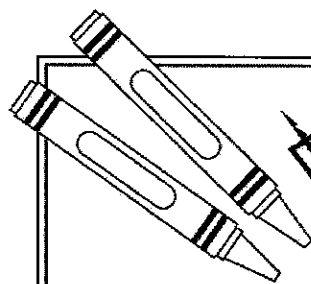
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EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."



PUZZLE

Be thankful for everything

When we're faithful, we see that God provides all we need.

Use the list of vowels below to complete the words of Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV.

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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, NIV)