

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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**2012**

## *Pastor's Corner*

*“And you, my little son,  
Will be called the prophet of the Most High,  
Because you will prepare the way for the Lord.  
You will tell his people how to find salvation  
Through forgiveness of their sins.  
Because of God's tender mercy,  
The morning light from heaven is about to break upon us,  
To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of  
death,  
And to guide us to the path of peace.”  
(Luke 1:76-79)*

*What do we wait for in Advent, the season of hope?*

*We wait again and again for Zechariah's words to ring true for the places  
within our own lives and world where we feel the darkness most profoundly.*

*We wait for the light of Christ to enter our hearts, our lives, our world.*

*We wait for assurance that the King of Glory will come and make all things new.*

**Come join us for a “Blue Christmas” Service:  
Sunday, December 23 at 5:00pm**

*We wait together for the hope that Christ brings to us while we sit in darkness.*

*You do not need to wait alone for Christ to bring hope – you do so surrounded by a  
congregation who loves you and upholds you in prayer. Come and see that the Lord is good.  
Come and see the morning light from heaven breaking upon us because of God's tender mercy.*

*As you wait, may you be filled with the hope of a Savior who keeps his promises, who brings life  
from death, and guides our feet in the way of peace. May you be filled with life itself.*

*Peace to you this Advent Season,*

*Pastor Kristina*  
*Pastor Kristina*

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes  
November 14, 2012**

Note: these minutes must be approved at the December Council meeting.

Meeting called to order by President Rozie Maki. Present: John Joseph, Howard Lehman, Rozie Maki, Cindy Knapp, Sandy Rau, Bob Ruef, Doug Thyberg. Excused: Peg Hipsher, Ken Tanula.

Cindy led a devotion on Ephesians 3. Doug will lead next month (Ephesians 4)

M/S/C Approve Rozie Maki resignation from the office of President. (Sandy/Cindy)  
Vice President Sandy Rau assumed the chair and opened nominations for President.

M/S/C Elect Sandy Rau Council President. (John/Cindy)

Nominations for Vice President were opened.

M/SC Elect Howard Lehman Vice President. (Cindy/Rozie)

**Secretary's Report:** M/S/C Approve October 12, 2012 minutes. (Ruef/Maki)

**Financial Reports:** M/S/C Receive October Financial Reports, pending audit.  
(Sandy/John)

There will be a special Council meeting to review the 2013 budget on Tuesday,  
November 20, at 4:30 PM.

**President's Report:** Food Fest funds approved for youth to attend Godstock at the  
September meeting were not used. The funds, approximately \$1,600, will be divided as  
follows: ½ to Pastor's discretionary fund; ¼ for pastoral supply during Pastor's maternity  
leave; ¼ to ELCA Disaster Relief for Hurricane Sandy victims. (Approved by consensus)

Pastor Kristina and Sandy attended the Cluster Meeting. Bishop Pederson will not be  
running for re-election. Angela Fairbanks is a new pastor in the Ashland/Washburn area  
in an "Off the Grid" ministry, serving people not interested in "traditional" church.

The annual Congregational Budget Meeting is set for December 9. The council agreed,  
by consensus to send a post card to all members. Doug will draft the content for the  
church secretary.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor and Evelyn reviewed the secretary's position and discussed  
possible improvements.

Howard volunteered to see to it that the trash can is wheeled to the curb following  
Thursday choir practice.

Two Church Secretary job descriptions were reviewed and will be consolidated—and  
presented to council for approval. Evelyn has offered to perform additional tasks with  
Church Windows. The Financial Committee will review the tasks and bring to council for  
approval at the December meeting.

M/S/C Approve one week sick leave prior to Pastor's due date (Feb 12) and 8 weeks  
maternity leave. (Cindy/Rozie)

M/S/C Authorize Share to use the church for distribution on the second or third Saturday of each month. (Cindy/Rozie)

M/S/C Council President, Sandy Rau is authorized to write checks on the Pastor's discretionary account. (John/Rozie)

**Finance Committee:** 2013 budget is nearly complete and will be presented for review at the special November 20 meeting.

**Memorial/Honorarium Committee:** No meeting.

**Outreach and Evangelism:** Considering redoing the highway signs on Highway 2. Rewalts will help serve the Food Shelf breakfast this month. Youth will assist in December. Considering adding a youth representative to the committee and recommend adding a youth member on the Council.

**Education Committee:** Separate minutes.

**Property Committee:** Howard and Mark will meet with Jonathon to survey needs at the parsonage.

**Stewardship Committee:** Evelyn is compiling the Time and Talent summary for 2013.

**Executive Committee:** No meeting.

**Worship Committee:** Completed planning through the end of the church year, Christ the King Sunday, November 25.

**Food Shelf Committee:** 63 units served in October.

**Old Business**

Fees for building use. Defer to December.

Magazine recycling: We will get the required white bags and ask congregation members to fill them and keep them at home until April.

Website is being hosted at Dreamhost.com. There is no cost.

M/S/C Adjourn (Rozie/Cindy) Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Joseph, Acting Secretary

**The Altar guild met on Thursday evening at 5 pm.**

**Old Business:**

1. We looked at the new letters we want to make for the Baptismal banner. The ones made out of woven fabric unravel so some other solution needs to be considered.
2. Thank you to Laurel LaBelle and Bertie for doing Altar care for November.
3. Altar Guild instructions for setting up for baptisms are posted on the cupboards.
4. Patty St. Onge will machine embroider the Baptismal napkins.

**New Business:**

1. The Christmas tree has been donated.
2. Melinda Santikko has made and donated the wreaths for the doors, Advent wreath and the Large inside wreath. They will be put up December 13. Sandy will set up the Jessie tree, Julie Peck is laminating the ornaments and the Sunday School kids are coloring big ornaments.
5. December Altar Care will be done by Lynette Kessler and Sandy Rau.

**Calendar:**

- Dec. 1 9am set up for Advent and put up the Nativity set
- Dec. 2 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 3 5pm Worship committee meeting
- Dec. 8 Lefse/cookie/craft sale, 9-12am, 2-4 Advent Fair
- Dec. 9 2nd Sunday of Advent, Budget meeting after the service
- Dec. 12 11:30 am Baby Shower for Jesus program and lunch
- Dec. 16 Third Sunday of Advent, have the bare tree up in the sanctuary, Children's Christmas program.  
Last day to order poinsettias.
- Dec. 23 4th Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 24 Decorate for Christmas Eve 9am.
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve services 5pm and 7:30pm.
- Dec. 30 Christmas season Sunday
- Dec. 31 9am take down the Christmas decorations and set up for Epiphany
- Jan. 6 Epiphany of our Lord

**Our Savior's Lutheran WELCA Minutes**  
**November 15, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Watters. Ten ladies were present. The meeting began with the reading of the WELCA Purpose Statement.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Motion Laurel LaBelle/2<sup>nd</sup> Dianna Teppo/passed.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2408.06 in the checkbook and Fund balance of \$755.52 leaving a balance on hand of \$1652.54. The report will be filed for audit.

Members will be encouraged to bring their Thank Offerings to worship on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Dianna Teppo, second by Linda Hultman to donate ½ of the proceeds to Project KIND which provides hats, mittens and other winter apparel to children in area schools. Motion passed.

Information was given regarding the benefit for Nancy Homan which is scheduled for Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, noon – 4 p.m. in the Northwestern High School Commons Area. A sign-up list will be posted requesting bars for the spaghetti dinner that will be served. Bars should be at the church by December 1<sup>st</sup> for pick-up. We will also ask members of the congregation for donations for a basket of hospitality items for the raffle. Suggested items include, coffee, dish towels, candles, napkins, etc.) Items should be at the church by Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Julie Peck, second by Laurel LaBelle to donate \$200 to the Homans. Motion passed.

Linda Hultman reminded us that New Day Shelter in Ashland will be the recipients of the gifts collected at the Baby Shower for Jesus scheduled for Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 p.m. A motion was made/second/ passed to donate \$200 to the Shelter from WELCA's treasury. A list will be posted for the pot luck luncheon provided by WELCA members.

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.

#### December 2

Chris & Shelly Olson  
 Jim & Nan Olson  
 Charles & Beverly Patterson

#### December 9

Beverly Patterson  
 Jerry & Julie Peck  
 Jim & Ginny Pedersen

#### December 16

Hazel Pedersen  
 Bill & Linda Pepping  
 Bruce & Judy Pohjonen

#### December 23

Gail Plaster  
 Lois Peterson  
 Ken & Bonnie Rantala

#### December 30

Jim & Sandy Rau  
 Dick & Kathy Rewalt  
 Bob & Roberta Ruef



### BIRTHDAYS this month

Rozie Maki -1<sup>st</sup>  
 Tyler Forsythe -1<sup>st</sup>  
 Merwyn Lovblad -3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Lois Tanula -2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Mary Berube -4<sup>th</sup>  
 Rodney Brannan -9<sup>th</sup>  
 Dianna Teppo -9<sup>th</sup>  
 Nolan Santikko -9<sup>th</sup>  
 Carrie DeRosia -13<sup>th</sup>  
 Maureen Johnson -14<sup>th</sup>  
 Kari Williams -14<sup>th</sup>

Tom Walsh -15<sup>th</sup>  
 Kurt Janko -17<sup>th</sup>  
 Mary Ann Lahti -21<sup>st</sup>  
 Debbie Janko -25<sup>th</sup>  
 Julie Thormodsgard-25<sup>th</sup>  
 John Joseph -27<sup>th</sup>  
 Kieriahna Niska -29<sup>th</sup>  
 Dick Rewalt -30<sup>th</sup>  
 Amy Gregerson -31<sup>st</sup>

# Volunteer Schedule December 2012


Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
December 2	Rodney & MaryAnn Lahti	Ginny Pedersen	Volunteer Needed
December 9	Rick & Jody Forsythe	Rozie Maki	Kari Williams
December 16	Rita Collins & Doreen Swanson	John Schrock	Volunteer Needed
December 23	John & Donna Kramolis	Linda Hultman	Ken Watters
December 30	Ken & Linda Watters	Rick Forsythe	Volunteer Needed
<b>Monthly</b>			
Ushers: Doug & Nancy Thyberg			
Greeters: Dec. 2-16—Dick & Kathy Rewalt Dec. 23-30—Ted & Donna Callahan			
Altar Guild: Lynette Kesler			



John & Donna Kramolis -30th

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## December 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Pastor's Hours of Availability:</b> Monday-Thursday 9:00-1:00 Call 715-372-8701 or 715-813-0830 to reach the Pastor</p>	<p><b>Secretary's Hours</b> Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30</p>					<p><b>1</b> 9:00 Altar Care getting ready for Advent</p>
<p><b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item — Cans of fruit</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00-3:00 Quilting  5:00 Worship Committee  6:30 Education meeting @ Pizza Parlor  7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>4</b> Pastor's text study Office Closed 9:00 TOPS  5:30 Yoga</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:00 Peel potatoes for lefse  9:30 Bible Study  3:45 Wed. Bible School  5:15 Confirmation</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:00 Grill lefse  6:00-8:00 Peaceful Pet Training  6:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b> Pastor's Day Off  2:00 Set up for cookie/craft/lefse sale</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:00-12:00 Cookie/Craft/ Lefse sale  2:00-4:00 Advent Craft Fair</p>
<p><b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Annual Budget Meeting Following Worship  Food Shelf Item — Cans of vegetables</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10:00-3:00 Quilting  7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>11</b> Pastor's text study Office Closed 9:00 TOPS  5:30 Yoga  6:30 Council</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:30 Bible Study  11:30 Baby Shower for Jesus  3:45 Wed. Bible School  5:15 Confirmation</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:00 Trimming the tree  6:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>14</b> Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>15</b> Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal  Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 Food Share-TBA Christmas Cantata 2:00 @ St Michaels</p>
<p><b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Children's Program During Worship Poinsettia Orders Due Food Shelf Item — Rice</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:00-3:00 Quilting  7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>18</b> Pastor's text study Office Closed 9:00 TOPS  5:30 Yoga  7:00 Day Care Christmas Program</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:30 Bible Study  3:45 Wed. Bible School  5:15 Confirmation</p>	<p><b>20</b> Caroling 5:00  Choir 6:30</p>	<p><b>21</b> Pastor's Day Off  Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship  5:00 Blue Christmas Service  Food Shelf Item — Box of cereal</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:00 Decorate for Christmas Eve  5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Services</p>	<p><b>25</b> </p>	<p><b>26</b> No Bible Study No Wed. Bible School No Confirmation</p>	<p><b>27</b> No Choir</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Toilet paper</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:00 Take down Christmas decorations and set up for Epiphany  7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p><b>Pastor Kristina will be on vacation December 26<sup>th</sup> --- Jan 1<sup>st</sup></b></p> </div>				





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# Poinsettia Order Form



Each year at Christmas we decorate the church with poinsettia plants. These plants can be given as memorials or in honor of a special occasion or simply given by individuals. Please fill out the following form and turn it into the church office or Carole Danula with a check payable to the Altar Guild. Deadline for ordering a plant is **Sunday, December 16.** Thank You.

Color choices: Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE specify what color and size you would like ordered)

Prices: \$15.00/6 1/2" pot or \$37.50/9" pot

### PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY

Use back of paper if you need more space to write clearly.

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_ Given by us for \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_ Given by \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR NAME)

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### ALTAR GUILD

Donations to Altar Guild Flower Fund:

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_ Given by us for \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_ Given by \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR NAME)

**Cookie, Craft and Lefse Sale** - The sale will be here before you know it! We hope many are baking, crafting and hunting through their treasures for items for the White Elephant Sale. Please sign up to donate items, work at the sale and make lefse on the sign-up sheets posted by Fellowship Hall. We need everyone's help to have a successful sale!



**Advent Fair-** Help celebrate Advent with crafts to make and take, cookies to decorate, hot chocolate and a whole lot of fun. Crafts and goodies for ages 2-92! Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 at Our Savior's Church.

**Altar Care-** You can get involved in our preparation for the seasons, please sign up for 2013 Altar care. Helping opportunities are: Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am to get ready for Advent. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 9am to trim the tree, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 9am to decorate for Christmas Eve and Dec. 31 to un-decorate Christmas and set up for Epiphany.

**Benefit for Nancy Homan-** in 2011, after many months of testing, Nancy was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). There will be a Packer/Vikings game, Spaghetti dinner at the Northwestern High School on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from Noon-4:00. Raffles-Auctions-Desserts-Tickets are \$10 Adults/\$5 Children 12-18 years and \$2 Children under 12.

Also, there is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to make bars for the benefit on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Basket for raffle at Nancy Homan Benefit** - WELCA would like to provide a basket of "hospitality" items for the raffle at Nancy Homan's benefit on Sunday, December 2nd at Northwestern High School. Suggested items include napkins, coffee mugs, dish towels and other similar items. Please bring all items to church by Sunday, November 25th.

**Helping Out Our Community-** The Pizza Parlor would like to bring everyone together and help out our local community along with the Iron River Area Food Shelf and the Toys for Tots/Teens program. For every non-perishable food item you bring to the Pizza Parlor, you will receive a coupon for 50¢ OFF any purchase at the Pizza Parlor. Also, Security State Bank is hosting their annual Toys for Tot's/Teen's drive and Pizza Parlor is joining in. For every NEW toy you drop of at the Pizza Parlor, you will receive a coupon for \$5 OFF your next purchase of \$10 or greater. Thank you for your generosity!

**Breakfast with Santa-** Northern Pines golf course will have a Breakfast Buffet with Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. There will be a story time, sliding if there is snow, miniature animal display and sleigh rides. Please make reservations 715-372-5261

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Cookie Walk-** Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-Noon at St. Michael Parish Hall. Cookies, Raffle and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake!

**Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner-** Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Port Wing Town Hall, Port Wing. From 4:00-6:30pm.

**The annual WELCA Baby Shower for Jesus-** will be held December 12th at 11:30 at the church. This year, our focus is on the New Day Shelter in Ashland which helps in crisis intervention services for the area. Services include: safe shelter and food, 24 hour crisis line, advocacy to help children and adults, access stabilizing resources, such as independent housing away from their abuser, medical care, legal services, and transportation. The following is a "Wish List" provided by the shelter for all interested in donating items to the Baby Shower for Jesus.

- \*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

**A Celebration of Christmas-** The Iron River Area Chorus presents, A Celebration for Christmas, Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria! Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church. Reception following the concert.



#### December Dates To Remember-

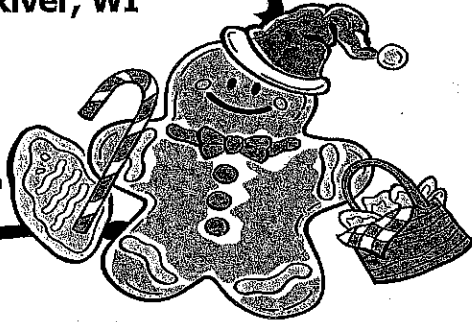
- 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00—Altar care getting ready for Advent
- 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00—Peel potatoes for lefse
- 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00—Grill lefse
- 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00—Set up for cookie/craft/ lefse sale
- 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00-12:00—Cookie/craft/lefse sale
- 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00-4:00—Community Advent craft fair
- 9<sup>th</sup> after worship—Annual budget meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30—Baby shower for Jesus
- 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00—Trimming the Christmas tree
- 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00, at St. Michaels—Christmas Cantata
- 16<sup>th</sup> during worship—Children's program
- 16<sup>th</sup>—Poinsettia orders due
- 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00—Choir caroling
- 21<sup>st</sup>—Newsletter deadline
- 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00—Blue Christmas
- 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00—Decorate for Christmas Eve
- 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 & 7:30- Christmas Eve services
- 25<sup>th</sup>—Have a Merry Christmas
- 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00—Take down Christmas decorations and set up for Epiphany.

# Cookie Walk, Craft & Lefse Sale



At  
**Our Savior's  
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Iron River, WI

Sponsored by:  
WELCA  
Women of the  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church



**Saturday,  
Dec. 8, 2012  
9:00 a.m. – Noon**

WELCA invites you to a

## Baby Shower for Jesus

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
December 12, 2012  
11:30 a.m.



### Baby Shower for Jesus--Wish List

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- \*Baby items- diapers (size 4, 5 and 6), baby wipes, baby wash and shampoo
- \*Women's robes and nightgowns

Everything collected will go to the New Day Shelter in Ashland, WI



**2:00-4:00**

**December 8, 2012**

Community Family Event

# Advent Fair

Help celebrate Advent with  
crafts to make and take,  
cookies to decorate, hot  
chocolate and a whole

lot of fun!

\* Crafts and goodies

for ages 2- 92

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Iron River

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



