

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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The Cracked Vessel

An old Chinese woman had two water cans which were attached to a yoke. Each day she put the yoke over her shoulders and went down to the river, filled the cans, and walked back to her modest hut. The water can on the right side of the yoke was fine and sturdy; when she arrived home it was always full. But the can on the left had a crack in it. By the time the woman arrived home, half the water was usually gone.



The water can always felt inferior to his partner. He was ashamed that he was cracked and wasn't pulling his weight. One day he turned to the woman and apologized for being defective. The woman smiled gently and said, "Did you think I didn't know that you had a crack, and water dripped from you? Look at the path from the river to my hut. Do you see all the beautiful flowers that are growing on the one side of the path? Those are the flowers that I planted there, that you watered every day as I walked home from the river."

All of us have imperfections, quirks, and flaws. On the days when you feel them the most, remember that *all* whom God has chosen to do great things through are just the same: cracked vessels. In 2 Corinthians 12:8-9, the apostle Paul writes that he begged for God to take away a condition he referred to as "a thorn in the flesh". (No one knows what it was, though some scholars believe it was a speech impediment.) He writes that God did not remove it but answered him in a surprising way:

Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."

Paul continues,

"So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me."

May you see your cracks in a new light – for through them, the light of Christ shines more clearly. When that happens, we have reason to boast in the ways that Christ works through us. God uses each of us for ministry with our imperfections as evidence that he – and not you or I – is at the center of the grace and love we share with one another and the world.

Peace to you all,

Pastor Kristina

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2013 (Draft Copy)**

Note: These minutes need to be approved at the next council meeting on May 12, 2010.

The council of Our Savior's Lutheran Church was called to order by council president Sandy Rau. Members present: Pastor Jensen, John Joseph, Howard Lehman, Roxie Maki, Cindy Knapp, Sandy Rau, Bob Ruef, Ken Tanula and Doug Thyberg. Excused: Peggy Hipsher.

Ken Tanula led the devotion on Philippians, Chapter 3. Cindy will lead a devotion on Philippians 4 in June.

m/s/c Approve April, 2013 minutes (Doug/Rozie)

Financial Report: Fall Fest funds, supplemented by donations, were used for supply pastors during Pastor's maternity and sick leaves. Member contributions are down \$4,000 through April. m/s/c Accept Financial Report subject to audit. (Cindy/John)
m/s/c Retain offering envelopes for one full calendar year and follow ELCA guidelines for financial records (checks and invoices). (John/Howard)
m/s/c Combine Church Ongoing Improvement fund, Building fund, and Roof fund and rename the resulting account Capital Improvement Fund. (John/Bob)

President's Report:

- Because the Annual Meeting is next Sunday and Memorial Day weekend the following there will be no Spring Cleanup Day. Rather, Sandy will prepare a list of projects and ask for volunteers.
- The report on Pastor's review will be distributed for review at the June meeting.
- The insurance claim for damaged doors has been accepted and the company will issue a check for approximately 50% of the damage. The final payment will be issued after the repairs are completed. Doug is following up with the insurance company.
- The Property Committee will forward a recommendation for upgraded doors to the Council.

Pastor's Report:

- During April Pastor did 3 worship services, 2 sermons, 3 Bible studies and 5 counseling sessions.
- The presentation on our Malawi sister congregation is tabled until the new Council is installed.
- July 7 will be "Camp Week" at Our Saviors.
- It is time to review our constitution. This activity should succeed the Synod convention since there may be additional changes emanating from that meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: Information included in Financial Reports.

Memorial/Honorarium Committee: Met via email to prepare information for Annual Report. They will be developing a procedure for sending thank you letters.

Outreach and Evangelism: Met last Tuesday with Council members absent due to their special meeting. Next meeting will be June 4.

Vibrant Faith Team: No meeting.

Education Committee: Final Wednesday Bible School is May 22. Confirmation Camp will be the week of July 7. Vacation Bible School will be the last week in July.

Mutual Ministry: Meeting opened with prayer and Bible study. Members are working on "straw man" mission statements for the committee. After discussion and refinement, these will define the character of the committee. Terms of service were set. Meeting roles, including leading prayer and Bible study and meeting facilitation, will rotate among the members and a schedule has been set for the coming year.

Property Committee: No report.

Stewardship Committee: No meeting.

Executive Committee: Met to perform Pastoral Review.

Worship Committee: Pastor will be at Synod convention June 2. Lynette will lead a Service of the Word.

Food Shelf Committee: No report.

Landscaping Committee: No report.

m/s/c Approve Committee reports. (Cindy/Doug)

OLD BUSINESS

- Cindy and Phil Knapp will be our lay delegates to the Synod convention June 1-2.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Evangelism Committee will develop a handout (or small gift) for first-time visitors.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is: June 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

John Joseph, Acting Secretary.

WELCA Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2013

Members of WELCA gathered at the church at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 16th. Eight ladies were present. The meeting began with the reading of the WELCA Purpose Statement.

In the absence of the president, Julie Peck, secretary, opened the meeting.

The secretary's minutes of the April meeting were read by Donna Callahan. It was noted that Laurel LaBelle's name needed to be added to those preparing the meal for the Tri State Insurance meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Janelle Armbruster, 2nd by Laurel LaBelle, motion passed.

The treasurer's report was read showing a balance of \$2567.40, fund balances of \$438.91 leaving a balance on hand of \$2128.49. Motion to file for audit by Rozie Maki, 2nd by Janelle Armbruster, motion carried.

WELCA will be serving a luncheon for the Tri State Insurance group on Tuesday, June 4th. Set-up will be done on Monday, June 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Laurel LaBelle and Kathy Rewalt will work together on the menu and supplies. Members were encouraged to sign up to assist with the luncheon.

The paper cutter in the office is not working well and should be replaced. A motion was made by Janelle Armbruster, 2nd by Bertie Ruef to pay for its replacement at a cost of approximately \$140. Motion passed.

We will again be organizing a drive to collect items for Lutheran World Relief school kits. It was suggested that we start the publicity earlier this year in hopes that those contributing can take advantage of the school supply sales. A motion was made by Laurel LaBelle, 2nd by Rozie Maki to order premade bags for packing of the kits. Motion carried. Julie Peck will order the bags.

At our last meeting it was requested that WELCA and other members of our congregation consider providing activities for the residents of Willow Manor. Bertie Ruef checked with an employee to see what time of activities would be desirable. Suggestions were: table talk, smear, Bingo, crafts, sing-a-longs, and chair exercises. A sign-up list will be posted for volunteers to sign up. Bertie will keep us informed on the progress of this project.

Several items have been donated for the baskets for the auction at Luther Park Bible Camp. Publicity will continue to encourage further donations. Donna Callahan volunteered to work with Linda Watters in putting the baskets together.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 20th. This will be an informal meeting beginning at 5 p.m. at church and then going to the Pizza Parlor for supper together. We are encouraged to invite other women of the church to attend.

Donna Callahan extended an invitation to the group for a pontoon party at their cabin on Thursday, August 15th. We will have a pot luck luncheon as part of the festivities.

There will be no meeting in July.

A discussion followed regarding the fact that the officers of WELCA have served for many years. The secretary suggested that we make a strong effort to involve others in leadership roles in the group to encourage the group to grow and also to cultivate new ideas. Perhaps some positions could be shared by two people to lighten the load. It is hoped that we can make some changes in September.

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

Following the meeting, a wonderful meal was served by Sandy Rau and Rozie Maki

Respectfully Submitted by
Sandy Rau, Note Taker &
Julie Peck, Secretary.

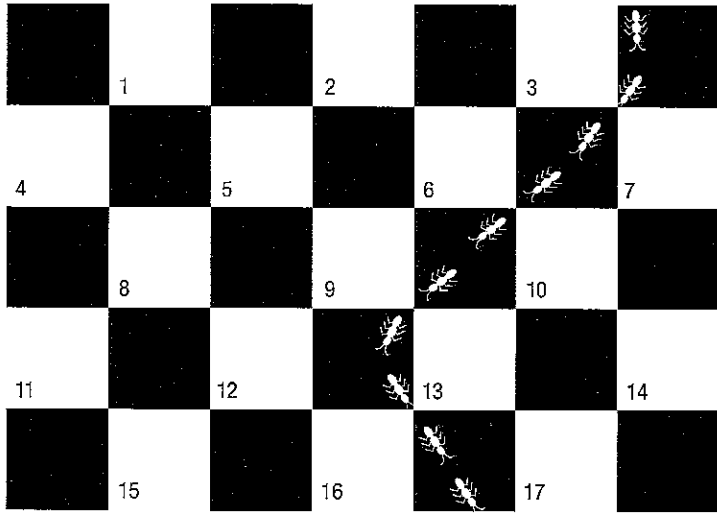
PUZZLE

The ants go marching...

God created amazing insects and says we can learn lessons from their hard work.

Directions: Use the word bank below to fill in the tablecloth grid for ant-based wisdom from Proverbs 30:25, NIV.

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| 4. of | 6. strength | 15. summer | 12. food | 9. store | 2. are |
| 8. they | 3. creatures | 5. little | 7. yet | 10. up | 14. the |
| 1. Ants | 16. Proverbs | 17. 30:25 | 13. in | 11. their | |



Answer: "Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer." Proverbs 30:25, NIV

Just for KIDS

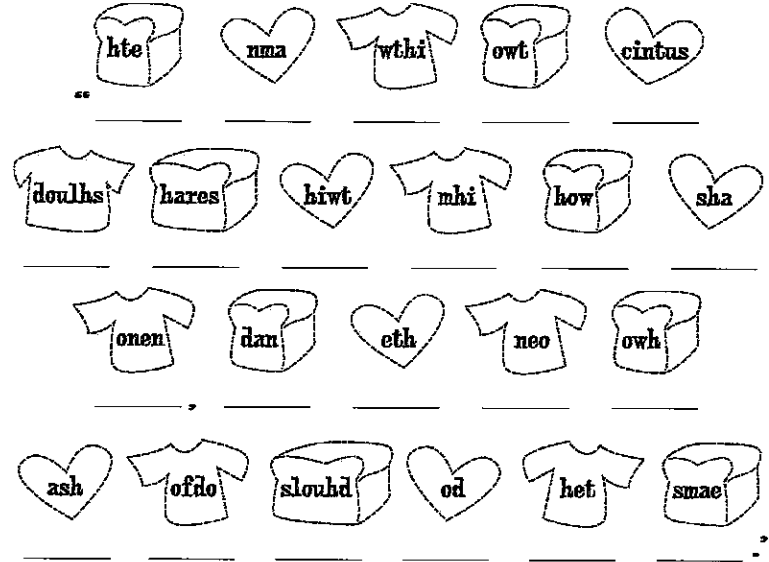
Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

★ WORD BANK ★

with food him who should with man share do the should two tunics has the who none and one the same has



Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)



Volunteer Schedule June 2013

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.

June 2

Carolyn Johnson
Peggy Johnson
Marjorie Johnson

June 9

Nancy Johnson
Lloyd Johnson
Terry & Maureen
Johnson

June 16

John & Jeanne Joseph
Ray Kangas
Dorothy Kangas

June 23

Lynette Kesler
Robert & Geri Kinblom
Jim Klinge

June 30

Phil & Cindy Knapp
John & Donna Kramolis
Laurel LaBelle

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
June 2	John Schrock & Mary Berube	Kent Getty	Volunteer Needed
June 9	John & Donna Kramolis	John Joseph	Kari Williams
June 16	Cindy Knapp & Lois Tanula	Rozie Maki	Volunteer Needed
June 23	John & Jeanne Joseph	Jim Pedersen	Nancy Thyberg
June 30	Dick & Evie Berge	Linda Pepping	Volunteer Needed

Monthly

Ushers: Donna & Ted Callahan

Greeters: June 1-16 ~ Nan & Jim Olson

June 17-30 ~ Ken & Linda Watters

Altar Guild: Roberta Ruef & Linda Watters

Acolytes: June 2~ Adrienne Luoma

June 9~ Luke Drougas

June 16~ Chloe Sipsas

June 23~ Andrew Hanson

June 30~ Allison Luoma



Kurt and Debbie Janko—2nd
Doug and Nancy Thyberg --4th
Jim and Carlene Brandmeier —5th
Howard & Patty Lehman—6th
Pastor Kristina & Jonathan Jensen—9th
Rodney and MaryAnn Lahti —14th
Carole and Harold Danula —17th
Dick and Evie Berge -- 21st
John and Jeanne Joseph — 23rd
Mary Berube and John Schrock —30th



Carolyn Johnson—1st
Jennifer Anderson—7th
Rodney Lind—8th
Bob Berube—9th
Bill Collins—14th
Doreen Swanson—15th

Mark Santikko—18th
Kassandra Lovblad-19th
Lucy Drougas—22nd
Kent Getty—23rd
Jerry Peck — 23rd
Jordan Talso—29th

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June 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Rice	3 2:00 Set-up for Tri- State Insurance luncheon 5:00 Worship 6:30 Education 7:00 Al-Anon	4 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 11:30 Tri-State Insurance Meeting and Luncheon 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Evangelism Committee	5 9:30 Bible Study	6 6:30 Choir	7	1 12:00 Yoga <hr/> 8 12:00 Yoga
9 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Soup	10 7:00 Al-Anon	11 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council	12 9:30 Bible Study	13 OSLC Camp day Luther Park Bible Camp 6:30 Choir	14	15 12:00 Yoga
16 9:00 a.m. Worship Father's Day Food Shelf Item — Juice	17 7:00 Al-Anon	18 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	19 9:30 Bible Study	20 5:00 WELCA meeting followed by going to the Pizza Parlor for supper	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga
23 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Canned ravioli or spaghetti	24 7:00 Al-Anon	25 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	26 9:30 Bible Study	27	28	29 Food Share 12:00 Yoga
30 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Canned Fruit					<u>Pastor's Hours of Availability:</u> Monday- Thursday 9:30-1:00 Call 715-372- 8701 or 715-813- 0830 to reach the Pastor.	<u>Secretary's Hours</u> Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30

Special Music- During the summer months when the choir does not sing every Sunday, we would like to have other special music. If you would like to share your talents of singing or playing an instrument, please sign up on the summer music sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Willow Manor-Willow Manor of Iron River has asked if Our Saviors Lutheran would be able to spend some activity time with its men and women residents. Some of the activities might be: Any kind of crafts, games, Bingo, sing along, table talk, news topics, chair exercises or anything else of interest. This would be an early afternoon visit. OSL would need to determine if this is a weekly or monthly visit. If you would like to volunteer, please indicate your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. The cutoff date is June 16th so that OSL can start planning.

Luther Park Baskets - WELCA would like to collect items for 4 baskets for the annual auction at Luther Park. Themes for the baskets include the following: Blueberries, fishing, Green Bay Packers/WI, and kitchen. We are hoping that members of our congregation will keep their eyes open for items to contribute for the baskets. When you bring something in, please note the value of the items on the sheet provided on the display table. Thanks in advance for your help with this important project.

"Shoes to Water"-Shoe Collection Project- This project raises funds from the donations and sales of new and used shoes to bring portable water to people in developing countries. There is an orange colored tote in the fellowship hall, please help by placing new or used shoes of any kind in the box. Un-usable/un-wearable shoes are ground into pieces and also used in this project. More information is located in the fellowship hall near the shoe tote or by visiting www.shoeman.org.

Summer Camp Fun Begins At Luther Park! It's time to hang up your school backpacks and put away those text books, because summer is here! It's time to make sure that your children and youth are registered for the program of their choice at Luther Park. There is a ton of fun to be had, and you don't want to miss out on all the valuable experiences that summer camp at Luther Park has to offer. Camp programs offer a variety of activities and adventures, including swimming in the pool, canoeing and kayaking, Ga-Ga, pontoon rides, tie dye, games and meeting new friends. These activities are all centered on a daily bible study and worship that focuses on our summer theme, *Faith Alive!*

There is still time to sign up for an experience that your son or daughter will always remember. Camp brochures are available at church, and you can register online at www.LutherPark.org. If you have questions, please contact Luther Park's office at 715-859-2215, or by emailing Diana@LutherPark.org.

Happy Father's Day



A careful man I ought to be;
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes;
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries —
Like me, he says, he's going to be,
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine:
The base in me he must not see,
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be,
For a little fellow follows me.