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August

We Have Come Down to the Lakeshore....

One of the gifts our congregation offers to the community is the gift of hospitality. People tell me that they feel a sense of joy and welcome when they walk in the door. We extend these same gifts to the community in a special way with our polka service. We've been enjoying our lake services for many years now, but did you know that our annual picnic originally took place in the parking lot? It was a way for us to gather our neighbors for some good food and fun. We did it as an outreach, especially for those who lived near our church but were not a part of the community.

This year, we are revisiting the core themes of outreach and hospitality in our Polka Service by welcoming new members through transfer and through baptism. What better day to invite people from the community into the membership of our congregation than our annual community picnic? And since we are already gathered at the lake, we'll be doing the baptisms in the lake. This is not a new practice in our congregation, but one that was introduced during Pr. Williams' time.

If you can believe it, we have six kids who will be baptized in the lake. The idea has spread like wildfire – I never imagined that many kids! I've called in reinforcements to help – Pr. Amy Odgren will be joining us again to assist us with the service and the baptisms.

What a wonderful problem to have – so many wanting to be baptized that we need to call in back up. This is exactly what our picnics were designed in the beginning to do – to bring friends and neighbors on the edge of our community into the very center.

These baptisms at the lake do not replace the centrality of the font in our sanctuary. We gather around the font for confession and forgiveness to remember Jesus puts our sin to death and raises us to new life every day, as he did in our baptism. We hold the universality of all sinners needing to be cleansed from sin. We celebrate the newness of life that God gives us in Christ with the water that never runs dry.

I am excited for our lake baptisms – if not a bit nervous, I admit it. But I am excited for the joy that I've seen in faces when discussing the idea. I am excited that we will be welcoming new members to the community of Christ during one of our most cherished and joyful traditions in and amongst God's glorious creation. Thanks be to God!

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 9, 2013

Prior to the council meeting we attended a presentation from Hope Lutheran about their involvement with a sister congregation in Malawi.

Present: Peg Hipsher, Tammy Sipsas, Howard Lehman, Rozie Maki, Cindy Knapp, Sandy Rau, Ken Tanula, Doug Thyberg. Excused: Karen Maron, Pastor Kristina Jensen.

Devotions were Howard Lehman.

Secretary's report was not distributed and was tabled until next month.

Financial Report was given by Doug Thyberg. After some discussion, Ken Tanula made a motion to approve the budget subject to audit. Motion seconded by Rozi Maki. Motion carried.

President's report was given by Sandy Rau. We were asked to review the notes in the front of our binders regarding "A few simple rules". Our work months were passed out and reviewed.

Pastor's report was handed out to all. Pastor is at camp this week with the confirmants. She has asked to take some days off for family matters. A question to how many days of leave are remaining for her this year. Doug will check into this and get back to Sandy.

Finance Committee – has not met.

Memorial and Honorarium – has not met.

Outreach and Evangelism – discussed signage for our church, food shelf breakfast which is this Saturday. Playground equipment, and volunteers for willow manor.

Vibrant Faith – has not met.

Education – Vacation Bible School scheduled for the last week of July. People are taking duties as needed. Cindy will be gone the next two Sunday's and will be calling families if there are jobs not filled by the start of VBS. This year the "Friday" VBS program will be held at the talent show Thursday evening at the community center. There was discussion regarding the format for next year's Wednesday Bible School.

Mutual Ministry met and is constructing a mission statement and scheduling more meetings.

Property Committee sent in a report saying there was a work day on June 25 at the church. Many items on the list of repair and replace were accomplished. Air

conditioner has been replaced and installed in Pastor's office. Staining the deck at the parsonage has been postponed until cooler and dryer weather.

Stewardship committee did not meet.

Executive committee did not meet.

Worship Committee met but did not submit a report.

Foodshelf committee sent in a reminder that Saturday July 13 was Our Savior's Lutheran's day to host the food shelf. You are invited to attend to work the food shelf that day.

Landscape Committee is in the process of picking out a bird bath.

Motion to accept the committee reports as presented was made by Howard, seconded by Rozie. Motion carried.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: Discussion regarding our involvement in having a sister congregation in Malawi. After more discussion, the council has decided to pray about this decision and table it until next meeting.

Motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting is at 6:30pm on August 13, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Hipsher, 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.

August 4

Mervin & Rozie Maki
Karen Maron
Olivia Mieritz

August 11

Laureen Modeen
Jan Modeen
Robert & Cathy Nelson

August 18

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

August 25

Willard Ogren
Pirkko Olson
Eric & Tracy Olson



BIRTHDAYS this month

Desi Sipsas - 2nd
Doug Olson - 7th
Tammy O'Brien - 7th
Carlene Brandmeier - 11th
Zachary Hipsher - 11th
Jane Jensen - 15th
Sam Knapp - 16th
Jeremy Landgreen - 17th
Darren Hanson - 20th
Phil Knapp - 22nd
Alicia Homan - 30th
Emily Brannan - 31st

Melinda Santikko - 6th
Bonnie Rantala - 7th
Charles Patterson - 10th
Jim Rau - 11th
Laurie Hanson - 14th
Shirley Welty - 15th
Bill Pepping - 16th
Sean O'Brien - 17th
Julie Peck - 20th
Brittini Walsh - 28th
Lynette Smith - 31st
Roberta Ruef - 31st

Volunteer Schedule August 2013

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
August 4	Ken & Linda Watters	Donna Callahan	Volunteer Needed
August 11	Nan Olson & Doreen Swanson	Lynette Smith	Julia Collins
August 18	Lois Tanula & Karen Wicklund	Linda Pepping	Kari Williams
August 25	Worship at Moon Lake	Jonathan Jensen	Volunteer Needed
Monthly			
Ushers: Doug & Nancy Thyberg			
Greeters: Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel			
Altar Guild: Jerry & Julie Peck			
Acolytes: Aug. 4- Andrew Hanson Aug. 14- Adrienne Luoma Aug. 21- Luke Drougas Aug. 28- Chloe Sipsas			



Tom & Diane Walsh - 3rd
Bill and Linda Pepping - 6th
Eric & Tracy Olson - 6th
Ken & Lois Tanula - 8th
Jim and Julie Anderson - 13th
Jeanette and Dennis Vetter - 17th
Jim and Judy Nelson - 18th
Bob & Roberta Ruef - 25th
Pirkko and Doug Olson - 26th
Ken and Bonnie Rantala - 26th
Rozie and Merv Maki - 29th
Mary Berube and John Schrock - 30th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

August 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Pastor's Hours of Availability: Monday-Thursday 9:30-1:00 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>			1	2	3 12:00 Yoga
<p>4 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Spaghettios or Raviolios</p>	<p>5 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 5:00 Worship 6:30 Education @ the P. Parlor 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>6 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>7 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>8 5:30 Mutual Ministry</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 12:00 Yoga</p>
<p>11 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Canned Fruit</p>	<p>12 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>13 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 10:00 Bayfield Co. Family Support 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council</p>	<p>14 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>17 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga</p>
<p>18 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Canned Peas</p>	<p>19 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>20 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>21 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Food Share 12:00 Yoga</p>
<p>25 10:00 Worship at Moon Lake Polka Service Moon Lake Park Picnic to follow Food Shelf Item — Cereal</p>	<p>26 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon</p>	<p>27 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>28 9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 12:00 Yoga</p>

"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. The un-usable/un-wearable shoes are ground into pieces and also used in this project. The new/wearable shoes are donated to people who need them. More information is located in the fellowship hall near the shoe tote or by visiting www.shoeman.org.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits – WELCA will again be sponsoring their drive to collect items for school kits. Although it feels like school just got out, we all know it will not be long before the school supply sales start appearing in stores. 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 the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on development of their children.

What to include:

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 12" ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 blunt scissors
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 2 ½" eraser

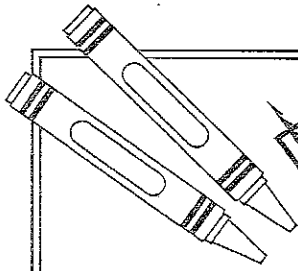
Remove any excess packaging. Please do not donate any items decorated with religious symbols or any patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

For your convenience printed pocket size lists will be available on the bulletin board.

Thanks for your participation in this important mission!

Oulu Fish Boil- Friday, August 16th from 4:30-7:00pm at the Hope Lutheran Church. Trout, baby red potatoes, onion, coleslaw, bread, dessert and beverage will be served. Advanced tickets recommended. See poster for more details.

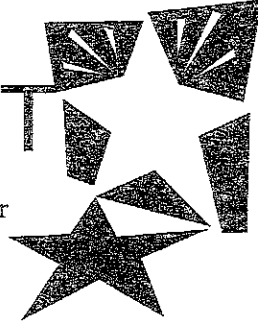
Outdoor Polka Worship & Community Picnic Moon Lake Park, Iron River Sunday, August 25 Worship at 10:00 Picnic 11:00-1:00



PUZZLE

GOD'S LIGHT

Summer's long days can remind us of our Creator, who made the sun and wants us to live in his light.



Directions: First, write the opposite of each word in parentheses. Then use the Word Bank words, in order, to complete 1 John 1:5-7, NIV.

WORD BANK: is in is at if in as is in with

God _____; _____
(dark) (her)

there _____ ness _____
(yes) (light) (none)

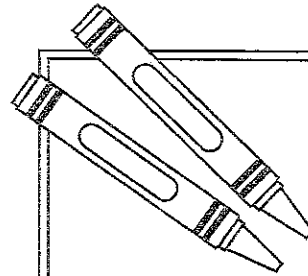
But _____ we _____ the _____
(run) (dark)

_____ the _____
(she) (dark)

we have fellowship _____ one another. ...

1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Answer: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. (1 John 1:5-7, NIV)



Just for KIDS

Unique Creations

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed the footprints you make in the sand? A famous poem called "Footprints in the Sand" reminds us we are never alone.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprint. See what Psalm 119:133 (NRSV) says about our footsteps. (The bold letters are the first letters of the words.)



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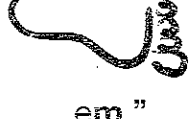
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Psalm 119:133, NIV

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."