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The Little Engine that Could

We all know the story: a little engine with a big heart sees circus animals stranded in railroad cars. Though it isn't big enough for the load, the little engine finally convinces the animals that it can help. Things seem to go okay until the engine reaches the base of a tall mountain. The steep climb up is hard work, and the engine is running out of steam fast. The engine keeps repeating to itself "I think I can! I think I can!" Bit by bit, the little engine makes his way up the mountain and cruises down the other side to the station. Against all odds, the engine has triumphed.

There are many hills and valleys in one's life of faith. That's why we need to encourage and build one another up. If the little engine had repeated to himself how tired and hungry he was, the journey never would have been won. In faith, we support and stand by one another in times of difficulty and grief. We remind one another that we aren't the only one pulling the load. We are part of a great body of believers, *together* addressing the needs of the world.

The next time you see reports of flooding, abuse, violence or accidents on the news I invite you to pray for those who are ministering to those affected day to day. Pray for those who advocate for witnesses. Pray for police officers, fire departments, and EMTs who respond to emergency calls. Let's even pray for the news anchors as they read us all the bad things that have happened in a given day. We encourage and build one another up in our prayers and we remember that we are not alone. We are part of a *body* that like the stars, is too infinite to imagine.

Against all odds, God raised Christ from the dead. When the load feels too heavy we can ask for help: from God, and from one another.

There is grace in helping one another: through prayer, through service, and always through love. Our stewardship focus this year celebrates this. This year's theme is straight from the ELCA's tagline: "God's Work. Our Hands." We never do ministry alone. Whether you consider your ministry tiny or overwhelming, the ministry you do makes a difference to God and to those around you. Join us Oct. 6, 13, and 20th.

This October, pray your way through the news. Visualize the huge body of believers that you are a part of, working for God's glory in both big and small ways. Remember that in the face of the world's problems, sin and death have no chance. Though it still seems like an uphill battle, God has already proclaimed victory. We can see the other side of the mountain. We will reach it together. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Kristina

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

Name	Present	Excused	Absent	Name	Present	Excused	Absent	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Pastor Kristina	x			Rozie Maki (2014)	x			Ken Tanula (2015)	x		
Peg Hipsher (2014)		x		Cindy Knapp (2016)	x			Doug Thyberg (2014)	x		
Tammy Sipsas (2016)	x			Sandy Rau (2015)	x						
Howard Lehman ('15)	x			Karen Maron (2016)	x						

Opening Devotion: Ken: Colossians Chapter 2 October: Rozie Maki

Secretary's Report Approval of August, 2013 minutes
*Motion to accept by Doug, 2nd Cindy, approved

Financial Reports : Review/Approval of August, 2013 financials subject to audit.
*Motion to accept by Rozie, 2nd Ken, approved

President's Report : Budgets due Oct 20
Fall Fest Update – Coordinators, advertising, proceeds
Fig Leaf Money

We have more money to spend. Who should we give it to? The school was very happy to receive our mission of the month fund.

*Sandy made motion, Tammy 2nd, - Give \$100 of fig leaf funds to Iron River Elementary to supplement the funds given

Pastor's Report: *Pastor has been doing an increasing amount of pastoral care for members of the community. She attended the ordination of the new priest at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ashland, a ministry review of Off the Grid Ministry, planned for the polka service and baptisms at the lake and meeting with families of the newly baptized. Priorities for this month stewardship and other fall planning, resuming education programs, and attending the Synod's annual Fall theological conference (Sept. 15 – 17) at Heartwood Resort in Trego.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee—Doug
Didn't meet

Memorial/Honorarium Committee—Sandy
Didn't meet

Outreach and Evangelism—Cindy
Discussed placement and funding of possible playground equipment for the many kids in the community. Pastor noted that there is no playground in the community open for kids that is not on a slope, and that the one at the school is not accessible during school hours. The closest playgrounds are Brule and Port Wing.

*Pastor made motion, Cindy 2nd – give \$500 from undesignated memorial fund to replace sign with new 4x8 aluminum sign on Highway 2

Vibrant Faith Team—
Didn't meet

Education Committee—Tammy
Met on 19th. Set dates for events during the year. Talked about new curriculum for the Wednesday Bible School. Pastor Kristina and Cindy will continue to teach confirmation jointly. The year will kick off with a picnic at Moon Lake Park on Sept. 18th with Wed. Bible School and Confirmation classes resuming Sept. 25th. The education committee will be asking for donations to buy Bibles for our kids because there are not enough funds. available in our budget. Bibles will be given to kids on Oct. 27th, Reformation Sunday.

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Property Committee—Peg/Ken

Met this morning: replaced bulbs, picked colors for new door. Went up to attic to clean but were not sure what to save and what to toss. Ken didn't see a problem with it. Sandy noted that it doesn't need to be cleaned out, but simply cleaned due to fallen debris left over from the roof project. Sandy also noted that the rain gutter is plugged. Ken will take care of that.

Stewardship Committee—Rozie/Cindy/Karen

Dates for our Stewardship Drive will be Oct. 6, 13, 20th. Theme: Love one another: God's Work, Our Hands. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 19th at 4pm.

Executive Committee— *did not meet*

Worship Committee Report—Sandy

Next year we'll have two separate services for the Polka Service and the Lake Baptisms. We will have our Polka service on the 2nd week of August.

Food Shelf Committee—Peg *no report*

Evangelism – Cindy (already did)

Landscaping – Sandy

We have the two birdbaths. 29th of Sept. will be dedication of them, the bench, and the memorial garden as a whole.

OLD BUSINESS

Companion Congregation – *Evangelism committee is currently making plans for a presentation to the congregation and working out the details.*

Non-attending members *Peggy, Howard and Pastor will meet to devise a plan to contact folks who have not been in recent attendance.*

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Fest:

October 9th: 4:30-7pm. Prices will remain the same as last year - \$9 for adults, \$4.25 for kids 6-12, free for 5 and under. Karen Maron and Howie Lehman will chair, Julie Peck will do the publicity. Evelyn will make the signs.

**Sandy Made motion, Cindy 2nd – half of the fall fest proceeds will go to The ELCA 25th Anniversary Campaign "Always Being Made New: 25 Years together in Christ". Half will go to VBS 2014.*

Faith chests.

Howie stated that we need a different plan. There are too time consuming for only a few people in our congregation to make. WELCA has offered to pay for the materials, but we are doing so many baptisms now that this will not be sustainable. Suggestions included inviting people to donate to our faith chest fund for memorials or special giving to address the finances and looking for a vendor or putting together a men's group to address the time aspect. Faith Chests could be one of the projects for the men's group if established. Howie has interest in coordinating this. He and Pastor will meet to discuss this further.

Adjourn Motion to Adjourn: Howard, Cindy 2nd all in favor.

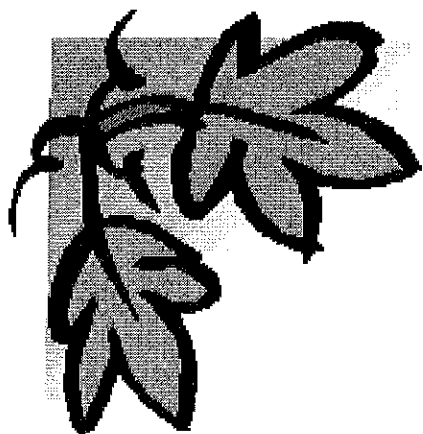
Lord's Prayer

Next meeting is October 8th, 6:30pm @ Our Savior's

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Kristina Jensen 9/10/2013

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**Our Savior's
Lutheran Church
Iron River, WI**

Annual Fall Fest

Roast Beef & Pork Dinner

Take-outs available

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

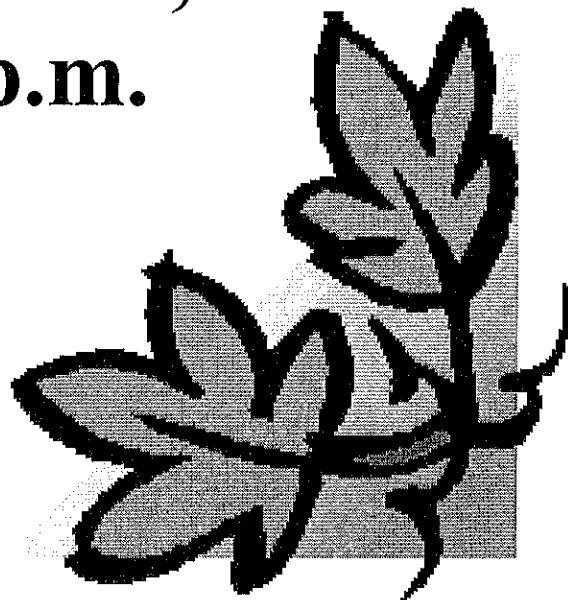
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Adults - \$9.00

Children 6-12 years - \$4.25

Children 5 and under – free

Proceeds will be divided equally
between The ELCA 25th Anniversary
Campaign and VBS 2014





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 6

Mark & Melinda Santikko
John Schrock & Mary Berube
Desi & Tammy Sipsas

October 13

Wayne & Lynette Smith
John & Doreen Swanson
Jerry & Tricia Talso

October 20

Ken & Lois Tanula
Dianna Teppo
Julie Thormodsgard

October 27

Sue Thibideau
Sharon Trianoski
Donna & Tom Trautt



BIRTHDAYS this month

Terry Johnson - 3rd
Dennis Vetter - 7th
Tyler Eisenhauer - 12th
Clifford Follis - 13th
Arlene Crowley - 16th
Judy Pohjonen - 21st
Luke Drougas - 24th
John Buran - 26th
Desarae Sipsas - 28th
Ginny Pederson - 31st

Ken Rantala - 5th
Shayden Bradley - 8th
Jim DeRosia - 12th
Donna Callahan - 14th
Tim Landgreen - 19th
Jennifer Forsythe - 22nd
Rodney Lahti - 24th
Daniel Atkinson - 27th
Jerry Talso - 31st

Volunteer Schedule October 2013

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
October 6	Lois Tanula & Karen Wicklund	Ginny Pedersen	Volunteer Needed
October 13	John & Donna Kramolis	Kent Getty	Rita Collins
October 20	Ken & Linda Watters	John Schrock	Volunteer Needed
October 27	Doreen Swanson & Bonnie Rantala	Linda Pepping	Kari Williams
Monthly			
Ushers: Mark & Melinda Santikko			
Greeters: Callahan Family			
Altar Guild: Linda Hultman & Debbie Landgreen			
Acolytes:			



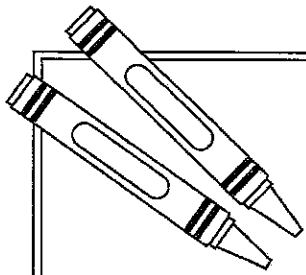
Jim and Ginny Pedersen - 6th
Amy and Jens Gregerson - 10th
Charles and Beverly Patterson - 12th
Bruce and Judy Pohjonen - 25th
Lynette and Keith Kesler - 26th

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October 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Choir	2 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:15 Confirmation	3 <i>No Choir</i>	4	5 12:00 Yoga
6 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Jelly or Jam	7 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 6:30 Education @ the P. Parlor 5:00 Worship 7:00 Al-Anon	8 Office Closed 9:00 Peel potatoes and rutabagas 9:00 TOPS 10:00 Set up for Fall Fest 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council	9 9:30 Bible Study 4:30-7:00 Fall Fest Roast Beef & Pork Dinner	10 6:30 Choir	11	12 12:00 Yoga
13 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Juice (not frozen)	14 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon	15 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	16 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School	17 WELCA 7:00 Choir	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga
20 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Cereal	21 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon	22 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	23 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:15 Confirmation	24 6:30 Choir	25	26 Food Share 12:00 Yoga
27 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Peanut Butter	28 10:00-2:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon	29 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	30 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:15 Confirmation	31	Pastor's Hours of Availability: Monday- Thursday 9:30-1:00 Call 715-372- 8701 or 715-813- 0830 to reach the Pastor.	Secretary's Hours Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30

Save the date: OSLC Fall Fest Dinner, October 9th.



Just for **KIDS**

THE POWER TO GIVE

In the New Testament, Jesus emphasizes the importance of giving and doing for others. In the Old Testament, Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tells us what not to do.

Cross out ALL of the following letters to reveal Proverbs 3:27.

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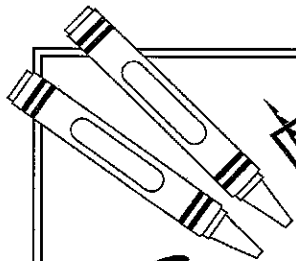
Write the remaining letters (in order) on the spaces below.

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K
D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E W H O
X B D B E K Q S E Z X R Z V J E Z X I B
T W K H Q E N I K Q T I Z S I Z N B Y
J X J O Z U X R P Q O K W J J E B B R T
O A Q C Z T

"DO NOT _____

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."



PUZZLE

Growing up!

You're growing each day in many different ways. A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

$3\frac{1}{4}$ ft. knowledge
 $3\frac{1}{16}$ ft. him
 $2\frac{3}{4}$ ft. now
 $2\frac{1}{4}$ ft. Lord
 $2\frac{1}{16}$ ft. glory
 2 ft. Amen
 1 ft. our

Savior $3\frac{1}{8}$ ft.
grace 3 ft.
forever $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft.
grow $2\frac{1}{8}$ ft.
Jesus Christ $1\frac{1}{4}$ ft.

"But _____ in the _____ and _____ of _____
 $2\frac{3}{8}$ ft. 3 ft. $3\frac{1}{4}$ ft. 1 ft.
_____ and _____
 $2\frac{3}{4}$ ft. $3\frac{3}{8}$ ft. $1\frac{1}{4}$ ft.
To _____ be _____ both _____ and _____ ! _____"

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

2 Peter 3:18, NIV