

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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## Pastor's Corner

### We Serve

First off, Thank you to all of you who are Lions and do so much for the community to get the Blueberry Festival off the ground. Thank you for hauling chairs and bleachers, for buying and rising early to cook hundreds of pounds of chicken, and always making sure we have blueberries even in the slimmest of years. Thank you for setting up rides yourselves to keep the cost down for families with small kids. Thank you for finding princess and queen candidates, for organizing our only parade for the year, and for doing everything with a smile, even though you may be exhausted and sore from all the heavy lifting of set up. Thank you for doing all the things that the community does not see: for setting up, taking down, and the hard work of planning and decision making that is ongoing throughout the year.

Most of all, thank you for giving our community a reason to stop whatever it is that we are doing to come together and enjoy the gift God has given us of such beautiful summers.

Thank you to each and every one of you for the things you do out of love for one another and for God. I have homework for you this month as your pastor: notice what your brothers and sisters of faith do for the good of the community and one another. Notice the ways in which they live out the tagline of the ELCA: "God's Work, Our Hands." Talk about it, and say thank you to one another. If you think that their service is a ministry, tell them! You'd be surprised to know how much that means.

It can be easy to wonder if the things that we do matter. If the little things count. If the thoughtfulness we put into a thought or action is noticed. YES. YES. And YES. Martin Luther wrote that the daily decisions we make are the most holy. The way we serve God in our daily lives is our greatest witness to the world.

Service is something I have been thinking about a lot lately. What is the connection between word and service? What does the gift of humility – and intentionality – bring to the world? What *are* the most holy decisions we make on a day to day basis and *why*? How do we minister to one another but fail to see that what we are doing is ministry? How can we encourage one another more faithfully?

I have been pondering these questions for quite some time and have been accepted into a two year process that will look at this connection between Word and Service in a very intentional way. The Lutheran Deaconess Association ([www.thelda.org](http://www.thelda.org)) is a two year process of formation and study on the connection between Word and Service. As your pastor, I see the desire and the need to more clearly bridge the faith we gather around on Sunday with what happens Monday through Saturday. I begin with a two week seminar in August at Valparasio University, and I ask for your prayers. Training will continue with light course work and conversation throughout the year, and through attending another seminar at the same time next year. This is such an important connection for us to make. We are called to worship, and sent forth to serve. We serve – as Lions, mothers, fathers, teachers, volunteers, bakers, quilters, and musicians – it is who we are. Let us learn to articulate how these gifts connect to God's mission to redeem the world.

Peace to you – and thank you,

Pastor Kristina

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 8, 2014

Present: Pastor Kristina, Peg Hipsher, Howard Lehman, Rozie Maki, Cindy Knapp, Sandy Rau, Ken Tanula, and former Treasurer, Doug Thyberg.

Pastor held devotions from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:12-16

Secretary's minutes for the June meeting were tabled until next month.

**Financial Report:** Doug gave the financial report to the council. He has requested that the balance of the revenue carryover fund be transferred into the general account. The bill for the insurance is due this month. Cindy made a motion to transfer the balance of the Revenue Carryover fund to the general account for \$970.65. Sandy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There is a balance of \$400.00 from last year's fig leaf money left to disburse. To review, \$500 went to the quilters, \$100 to the elementary school for supplies, \$500 to the discretionary fund. Cindy made a motion to give \$400 to Vacation Bible School. Rozie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The discretionary fund is in need of being replenished. Peggy made a motion to use \$300.00 of 2014 money from the fig leaf to go to the discretionary fund. Sandy seconded. Motion carried.

Check from fidelity investments \$500.00 donated to the church. Cindy made a motion to use it for cleaning supplies for the church. Rozie seconded. Motion carried.

Rozie made a motion to accept the financial report subject to audit. Seconded by Ken. Motion carried.

**President's Report:** The council further discussed if anyone would be interested in being on the council. Doug Thyberg agreed to take a six month term. Cindy made a motion to appoint Doug Thyberg to a six month term. Sandy seconded it. Motion carried.

Howard has contacted the synod by phone, letter and email. They are in the process of assembling a team per our request for a Bridgebuilder program. They felt a team would be in place by the end of August. The next step is to set up a meeting with the council and mutual ministry with the team. Rev. John Sutherland may come and visit with us in August or September.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor will be gone for three weeks at the end of August and into September. Two weeks are for continuing education and 1 week of vacation following. That leaves us with no communion for three Sunday's in a row. Doug made a motion to have a supply pastor for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Pastor is absent (August 17 and 31) and use undesignated memorial funds. Peggy seconded. Motion carried with one opposed.

Pastor will be at the White Winter Winery on Thursdays in July to try a program, "Mead and the Meaning of Life". The discussion will be for anyone willing to have a discussion regarding faith.

Attended a Stewardship workshop and worked with a group from Oulu. We are planning to work with them for our upcoming stewardship program.

Finance Committee: Peggy reported that Rich Wiitala, Pirkko Olson and Dick Rewalt sit on that committee. They will be meeting monthly for August, September and October to prepare a budget for the 2015 year. Doug reported he is working on doing an update on the Church Windows program.

Memorial/Honorarium Committee – no report

Outreach and Evangelism: Meeting August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Education: Housing is needed for the VBS counselors. There will be four of them this year. The committee decided on a faith chest policy but has not presented it yet. The committee would like to begin a faith milestone program and is looking for a volunteer to coordinate this.

Property Committee did not meet.

Stewardship Committee: The committee attended a meeting in Eau Claire. The program talked about how important it was for the committee to have a goal and share it with the congregation.

Executive Committee did not meet.

Worship Committee met and chose hymns through August 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed options for the three Sunday's pastor is gone.

Food Shelf Committee: no report.

Landscaping Committee purchased a watering hose.

Cindy made a motion to accept the committee reports. Seconded by Rozie. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** The youth gathering. Pastor gave an idea of those eligible and available to go. She suggested the youth look to go in 2018. The current confirmation class will be in high school at that time.

Cleaning assignments were passed around. December, January and May are still open.

Howard asked us to be conscious of loud noises and fireworks for those with PTSD who may be sensitive to them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lord's prayer.



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### 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 3

Karlin Williams  
Kami Wiss  
Jim & Julie Anderson

#### August 10

Lori Anderson  
Nancy Anderson  
Janelle Armbruster

#### August 17

Fred Baue  
Dick & Evie Berge  
Tom & Karen Boggess

#### August 24

Robert Bowker  
Sam & Katie Bradley  
Chuck Buran

#### August 31

Ted & Donna Callahan  
Dale Carlson  
David & Debbie Christensen



### BIRTHDAYS this month

Desi Sipsas - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Doug Olson - 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tammy O'Brien - 7<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Rau - 11<sup>th</sup>  
Laurie Hanson - 14<sup>th</sup>  
Shirley Welty - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sam Knapp - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Jeremy Landgreen - 17<sup>th</sup>  
Darren Hanson - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Nolan Anderson - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Lynette Smith - 31<sup>st</sup>

Melinda Santikko - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Bonnie Rantala - 7<sup>th</sup>  
Charles Patterson - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Zachary Hipsher - 11<sup>th</sup>  
Jane Jensen - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Pepping - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Sean O'Brien - 17<sup>th</sup>  
Julie Peck - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Phil Knapp - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Ryan Walsh - 28<sup>th</sup>  
Roberta Ruef - 31<sup>st</sup>

# Volunteer Schedule August 2014

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
August 3	Polka Service Moon Lake Park	Donna Callahan	Polka Service Moon Lake Park
August 10	John & Jeanne Joseph	Lynette Smith	Volunteer Needed
August 17	Karen Wicklund & Cindy Knapp	Linda Hultman	Volunteer Needed
August 24	Fred Baue & Dick Berge	Rick Forsythe	Volunteer Needed
August 31	Ted & Donna Callahan	John Joseph	Volunteer Needed
<b>Monthly</b>			
<b>Ushers:</b> Nan & Jim Olson			
<b>Greeters:</b> Kent Getty & Jane Bragiell			
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Jerry & Julie Peck			



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

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## August 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship In the Park Polka Service @ Moon Lake Park  Food Shelf Item — Peas	<b>4</b> 5:00 Worship 7:00 Al-Anon	<b>5</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>6</b> 9:30 Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>8</b>	<b>2</b> 12:00 Yoga  <b>9</b> 12:00 Yoga
VBS.....August 4-8.....VBS.....August 4-8.....VBS						
<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item — Canned Fruit	<b>11</b> 7:00 Al-Anon	<b>12</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council	<b>13</b> 9:30 Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Food Shelf 9:00-11:00  12:00 Yoga
<b>17</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item — Paper towel or Kleenex	<b>18</b> 7:00 Al-Anon	<b>19</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>20</b> 9:30 Bible Study	<b>21</b> WELCA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 12:00 Yoga
<b>24</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship -Hymn Sing-  Food Shelf Item — Macaroni and Cheese	<b>25</b> Newsletter Deadline  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>26</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>27</b> 9:30 Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 12:00 Yoga
<b>31</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item — Peanut Butter						<u>Secretary's Hours</u> Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30

### **Outdoor Polka Worship & Community Picnic-**

**\*10:00 a.m.\* -Moon Lake Park-** A community picnic will be held after services. Our Savior's will provide sloppy joes and something to drink. The congregation is welcome to contribute salads and desserts to share.

**VBS-** Vacation Bible School will be August 4<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets to help with snacks and sack lunches for the councilors are posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Anyone interested in helping out that week, please see Cindy Knapp.

**Oulu Fish Boil-** Trout, baby reds, onions, coleslaw, bread, dessert and beverage will be served on August 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00pm at Hope Lutheran Church in Oulu. Advanced tickets are recommended. 715-372-4780. Only 180 meals will be served.

**Slow Cooker Needed-** The Evangelism Committee serves breakfast at the Food Shelf distribution at OSL every third Saturday morning. We would appreciate a donation of a 6 quart slow cooker to use during that time.



The school supply sales are started! This is the perfect time to purchase items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. If you are unable to get to the stores and would like to contribute to

this worthwhile project you are in luck! Members of WELCA will do your shopping for you! Please give the money to Linda Watters. For just \$7 you can provide all of the items requested for a school kit for one child. These prices will not last long so it's important to contribute now. For those who would like to do their own shopping, here is the list:

- 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 1/2" eraser

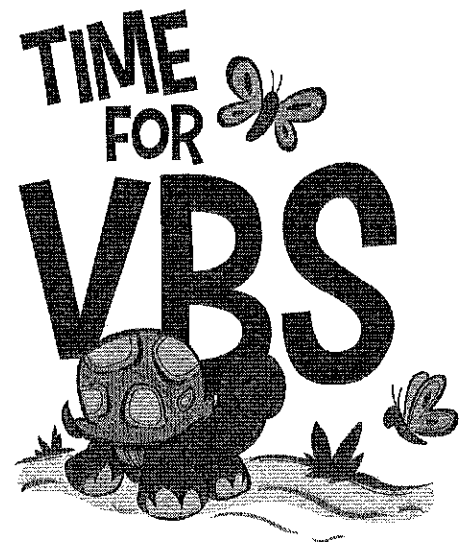


**Please keep the following men and women serving our country in your prayers:** Continue to watch over Mike Hope, Tiegen Brickson, David Doherty, Kyle Thyberg, Ryan Glau, Peter Bracket, D.J. Bourassa, David Fierner, Darek and Charlotte Reijo, Craig Danula.

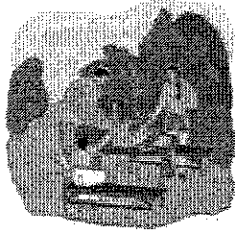
Be with their families and those who have returned. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**Please pray for the following in need of God's care:** Robby Maron, Jerry Tapani, Leroy Lahti, Scott Rickaby, Ken Watters, Vanessa Lawson, Bonnie Mahocker, Mason Weber, Jonathan Jensen, Shirley Welty, Arlene Crowley, Jennifer Anderson, Connie Sorenson, Ginger Weyandt, Marge Johnson, Pam Hawk family, Jeri Ogren, Myron Knapp, John Hoffman, Doris Perala, Jason Moreau, Al Buhler, Cheryl Clark, Jean Sucha, Herb Buran, Charlie Gritzner, Darren Forsythe, and Darrel Ciskie.

*Email Evelyn if you would like to add or (joyfully) remove someone from our prayers.*



# Free Community Event



## Outdoor Polka Worship

Accordion music by Lorren Lindevig

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## Community Picnic

Moon Lake Park, Iron River

Sunday, August 3

Worship at 10:00




Picnic 11:00-12:00

Sponsored by Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Iron River



In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

1. "Happy are the **POOR**  
**IN SPIRIT** \_\_\_\_\_  **hunger and thirst** for righteousness, for they will be filled."
2. "Happy are those who \_\_\_\_\_  **pure in heart**, for they will see God."
3. "Happy are the \_\_\_\_\_ **peacemakers**, for they will be called the children of God."
4. "Happy are those who \_\_\_\_\_ **persecuted** because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
5. "Happy are the \_\_\_\_\_ **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
6. "Happy are the \_\_\_\_\_  **merciful**, for they will be shown mercy."
7. "Happy are the \_\_\_\_\_ **meek**, for they will inherit the earth."
8. "Happy are those who are \_\_\_\_\_ **mourn**, for they will be comforted."



## **What is the Mission of the Month and how is it supported?**

*Jesus said, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the cripples, the lame and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Luke 14:12-14.

As people of God we are called to serve those in need. As each person puts their dollar in the baskets on the tables during fellowship we are not only purchasing fair trade coffee to enjoy, but that dollar is also supporting the Mission of the Month that is displayed on the table.

The Evangelism Committee has been choosing the Mission of the Month and we need mission ideas from the rest of the congregation. So if you know organizations that are meaningful to you that are either local or worldwide please jot them down on the prayer requests so we can all pray for them, contribute to them, and learn about them.