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Pastor's Corner

We have a wonderful day coming soon that many of you have heard about already. There are two parts to this month's "Pastor's Corner". The first is a more detailed description of what we will be doing. The second is a news release on the ELCA's website and reflections on the day from our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church will join with thousands of ELCA churches across the nation in "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014. This Sunday began last year as a way to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ELCA. Instead of gathering for our traditional worship service, we'll begin by gathering for *service* in the community as our worship. We'll end with the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion at Moon Lake Park and a potluck lunch. Here is a schedule of the day:

9:00a.m. – Meet at OSLC for blessing of hands and commissioning. Divide into service teams.

9:15-10:45 a.m. – Serve the community. At this time, these include a variety of projects for people of all physical capabilities:

- An old-fashioned Hymn Sing at Willow Manor
- Garden projects at the Iron River Library
- Highway Cleanup
- Writing thank-you notes to those who serve our community (Police, Fire, EMS, Teachers, Librarians, Town Board, etc.) and praying for community concerns

11:00 – 11:45am – Meet at Moon Lake Park for the Sacraments of Holy Baptism (Bridget Sands) and Communion. We will gather at the Lake Shore for a brief service. Please bring a lawn chair if you need one.

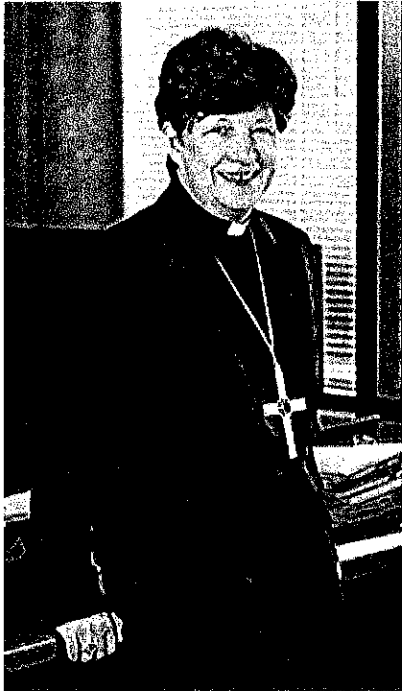
12:00 Potluck!

Each team will have a designated leader and photographer. On Sept. 14th we'll have a slide show of the projects that everyone participated in and have the opportunity to share reflections on the experience.

The ELCA website has published the following about the day:

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On **Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014**, the nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people.

Whether it's 30,000 young people doing community volunteer work at an ELCA Youth Gathering, the passionate volunteers of the ELCA homeless ministry network or the devoted members of our congregations who fight for peace and justice in their communities every day, we are a church that boldly does God's work of restoring and reconciling communities.



“When one congregation or a group of congregations gather for service in their local communities, they are the church in that place, taking care of that part of God’s vineyard. But this is all work that we do together. When one congregation works to feed people who are hungry, that is also the entire church coming together,” says ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

“‘God’s work. Our hands.’ Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it’s that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference. As you participate Sept. 7, 2014, in the dedicated day of service, may you witness the love of God, who knows and loves each one of us.”

You work every day to love your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let’s do it together!

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 17, 2014

Present: Peg Hipsher, Tammy Sipsas, Howard Lehman, Sandy Rau and Doug Thyberg

Howard Lehman read a devotional "Tilling the Garden"

Howard Lehman called the meeting to order.

Howard Lehman asked if it was appropriate to have Nancy Thyberg take minutes. Discussion Followed. It was concluded that Nancy Thyberg will take notes until the council is able to appoint new members. Suggestions were given as to who could be asked if they would want to serve on the council. The Council still needs at least three people and someone to act as secretary.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Howard Lehman expressed his concern with the Bridgebuilder Program and who would be involved from the Synod. The hope is that the program will help us to determine the issues our congregation is having and the solutions that need to be implemented. Howard has some concerns that this program will not be able to answer those questions. He also presented the council with a survey that we could do ourselves with the congregation. Discussion followed. Sandy Rau suggested that once the Synod has the team together we should have the team leader and the coordinator come to meet with council to hear exactly what they will be doing and how they will be doing it.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Doug Thyberg reported that since the conversion on our computer system the reports are a bit different. After reviewing the report, Doug Thyberg and Peg Hipsher noticed some errors on the report. The Financial Report was tabled until next meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Everyone received a copy of Pastor's Report. Peg Hipsher asked about the God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Sandy Rau gave a couple of examples of projects that the worship committee discussed and had suggestions for some other projects. It was reported that the Evangelism Committee is going to be setting up the projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMORIAL HONORARIUM COMMITTEE - NO REPORT

Outreach and Evangelism: The Committee organized the community picnic, which worked out well. They will be working on God's Work Our Hands at their next meeting.

Education: Tammy Sipsas reported that VBS went well we had between 17 and 22 kids each day. Counselors stayed and Jeannette's cabin.

Property Committee: Discussion was had about the storage shed being moved to the parsonage. Unfortunately it is believed that it would not make it there. That it would fall apart. It has helped having the can collection box removed. Sandy Rau did not think it should be attempted. The property committee needs to work on the lights in the fellowship hall. Sandy Rau asked about re-drawing the parking lines in the parking lot. Discussion followed.

Stewardship committee: Everyone received the report and thought the plan was a good plan and appreciated the work that has been put into it by the committee.

Worship Committee: Everyone received a copy of the report from Sandy Rau.

Food Shelf: No Report

Landscaping Committee: Sandy Rau commented that the gardens need weeding. Tammy Sipsas reported that she did some of the weeding while she was here during Vacation Bible School.

Peg Hipsher moved to accept the committee reports, Sandy Rau Seconded, Motion passed.

New Business:

Cleaning Schedule: There is a new list, Peg Hipsher will re-send the list to everyone.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thyberg
Acting 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.

September 7

Bill & Rita Collins
Arlene Crowley
Danielle Raunio

September 14

Harold & Carole Danula
Jim & Carrie DeRosia
Jim & Charlotte DeRosia

September 21

Trey & Michelle Drougas
Cheri Ericson
Joanne Forsythe

September 28

Rick & Jody Forsythe
Amy Frostman
Howard Fuhrman



BIRTHDAYS this month

Eric Olson - 1st
Tammy Sipsas - 4th
JoAnn Forsythe - 5th
Donna Trautt - 6th
Beau Sipsas - 8th
Beverly Patterson - 8th
Nan Olson - 9th
Linda Pepping - 10th
Bob Ruef - 10th
Lois Peterson - 11th

Jim Rau - 11th
Jane Joseph - 12th
Patty Lehman - 14th
Krista Grunderman - 14th
Jim Anderson - 16th
Chloe Sipsas - 18th
Wayne Smith - 24th
Chuck Buran - 26th
Fred Baue - 28th
Tracy Olson - 30th

Volunteer Schedule September 2014

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
September 7	Tammy Sipsas & Bonnie Rantala	Linda Pepping	Volunteer Needed
September 14	Merv & Rozie Maki	Kent Getty	Volunteer Needed
September 21	Dick & Kathy Rewalt	John Schrock	Volunteer Needed
September 28	Mark & Melinda Santikko	Tammy Sipsas	Volunteer Needed
Monthly			
Ushers: Ted & Donna Callahan			
Greeters: Rick & Jody Forsythe			
Altar Guild:			



Jim and Sandy Rau - 8th
Rick and Jody Forsythe - 29th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

September 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Office Closed for Labor Day	2 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	3 9:30 Bible Study	4 C.A.R.E. luncheon	5	6 12:00 Yoga
7 9:00 a.m. Worship God's Work Our Hands Food Shelf Item — Canned Fruit	8 5:00 Worship 6:30 Education Meeting @ The P. Parlor 7:00 Al-Anon	9 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council	10 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Fig Leaf Dinner	11 6:30 Choir	12	13 12:00 Yoga
14 9:00 a.m. Worship 5:00 WELCA Bible Study Food Shelf Item — Canned Peas	15 7:00 Al-Anon	16 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	17 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 First Day of Wednesday Bible School	18 6:30 Choir WELCA	19	20 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga
21 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Toilet Paper	22 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Al-Anon	23 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 1:00-3:00 UW-Extension Basic Budgeting Workshop 5:30 Yoga	24 9:30 Bible Study	25 6:30 Choir	26	27 12:00 Yoga
Afternoon of Sept. 21 –Sept. 23 Pastor at Fall Theological Conference (required Synod event for pastors)						
28 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Dried peas or beans	29 7:00 Al-Anon	30 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga				Secretary's Hours Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30

Luther Park Donations- Thank you to all who donated items for the Luther Park Auctions. Here is a result of the money that was made.

Blueberries on Plate	\$28.00
Wisconsin Wildlife	\$52.00
Spring Pansies	\$28.00
Let's Be Cookin' Basket	\$52.00
Wisconsin Sports Basket	\$50.00
All Things Blueberry Basket	\$46.00
Time For Tea Basket	\$50.00
Sunflower Sunrise Basket	\$38.00
Blueberry Bakery Bundle Basket	\$70.00
Free Form Quilt	\$250.00

Homemade Swedish Meatballs & Chicken Dinner-

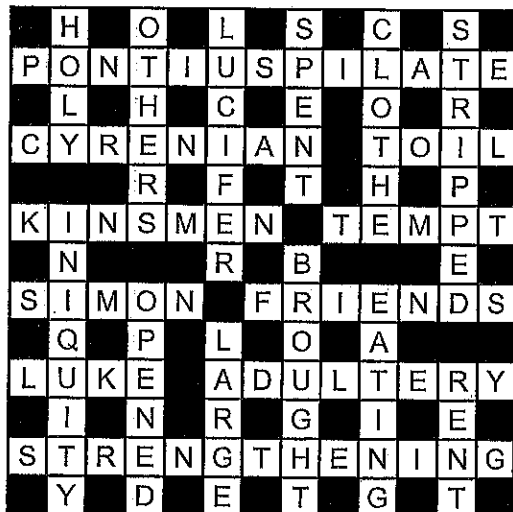
The Public is invited to Swedish meatballs & Chicken dinner served with mashed potatoes and gravy, rutabagas, corn and dessert on Sunday, September 14th at the Benoit Community Center from 11:00-1:00.

Basic Budgeting Workshop-

is a free workshop offering tools and help people meet monthly household expenses, organize their finances and build savings. Tuesday, September 23rd at Our Savior's. Free and open to the public. Registration is required- 715-373-6104 Ext 2

On Sunday, September 7th our congregation will join the nearly 10,000 congregations of the ELCA to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. There will be a short service at our church at 9:00 AM and then groups will venture out into the community for an hour or two of work. Singing at Willow Manor, Cleaning the Highway, Cleaning up Sidewalks in town and Writing Thank You notes to people who are serving our community. Sign-up sheet are on the bulletin board in the church. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for potluck. Our hope that each of you will consider joining us for all or part of this very special day.

Luke



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, Darren Forsythe, and Darrel Ciskie.

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

SAVE THE DATE:



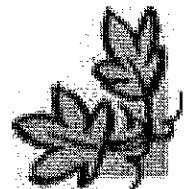
**Our Savior's
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Iron River, WI**

Annual Fall Fest

Roast Beef & Pork Dinner

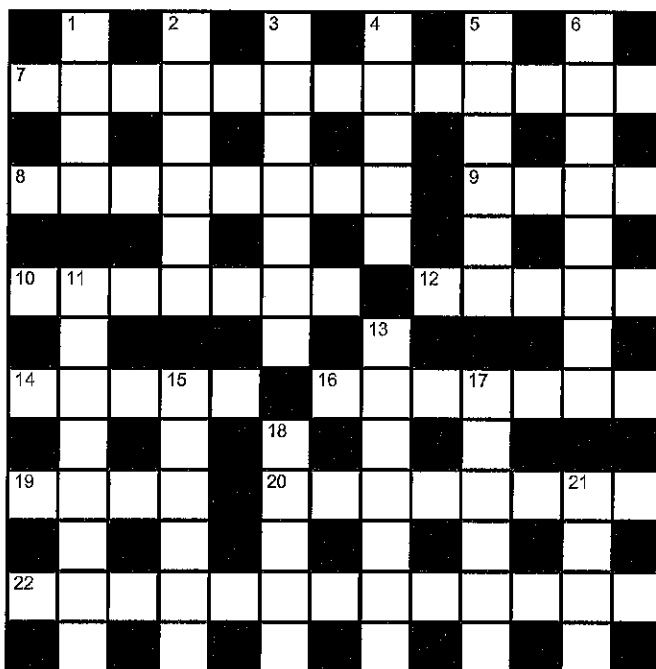
Take-outs available

**Wednesday,
October 8, 2014**



SIGN-UPS WILL BE POSTED SOON!

Luke



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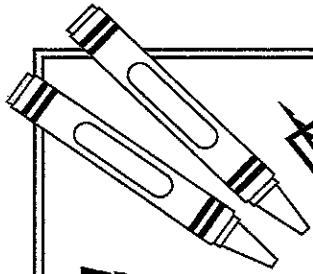
- 7 The governor of Judaea.
Luke 3:1 (7, 6)
- 8 Simon was a _____. Luke
23:26 (8)
- 9 "Consider the lilies how they
grow: they ____ not, they spin
not; and yet I say unto you, that
Solomon in all his glory was not
arrayed like one of these." Luke
12:27 (4)
- 10 "When thou makest a dinner or
a supper, call not thy friends,
nor thy brethren, neither thy
____," Luke 14:12 (7)
- 12 "Thou shalt not ____ the Lord
thy God." Luke 4:12 (5)
- 14 Andrew's brother, whose name
was also Peter. Luke 6:14 (5)
- 16 "And when he cometh home, he
calleth together his _____
and neighbors, saying unto
them, Rejoice with me;" Luke
15:6 (7)
- 19 A physician. Col 4:14 (4)
- 20 One of the commandments: Do
not commit _____. Luke
18:20 (8)

- 22 "And there appeared an angel
unto him from heaven,
_____ him." Luke
22:43 (13)

Down

- 1 Meaning set apart. Luke 1:72
(4)
- 2 "And the rulers also with them
derided him, saying, He saved
_____; let him save himself, if
he be Christ, the chosen of
God." Luke 23:35 (6)
- 3 "How art thou fallen from
heaven, O _____, son of the
morning!" Isa 14:12 (7)
- 4 "And when he had _____ all,
there arose a mighty famine in
that land; and he began to be in
want." Luke 15:14 (5)
- 5 "If then God so _____ the grass,
which is to day in the field, and
to morrow is cast into the oven;
how much more will he _____
you, O ye of little faith?" Luke
12:28 (6)

- 6 In this parable, thieves attacked
a man from Jericho and _____
him of his raiment. Luke 10:30
(8)
- 11 "Depart from me, all ye workers
of _____." Luke 13:27 (8)
- 13 "Now Elisabeth's full time
came that she should be
delivered; and she _____
forth a son." Luke 1:57 (7)
- 15 "Ask, and it shall be given you;
seek, and ye shall find; knock,
and it shall be _____ unto
you." Luke 11:9 (6)
- 17 "For John the Baptist came
neither _____ bread nor
drinking wine;" Luke 7:33 (6)
- 18 Opposite of small. Luke 22:12
(5)
- 21 The veil of the temple was _____
when the sun was darkened.
Luke 23:45 (4)



PUZZLE

Think about these things ...

With so many things to remember each day, the apostle Paul provides guidelines in Philippians 4:8 (NIV) for what should fill our minds.

Directions: Match each word in column 1 to the word in column 2 that means the same thing. Then use the words from column 2 to fill in the boxes below.

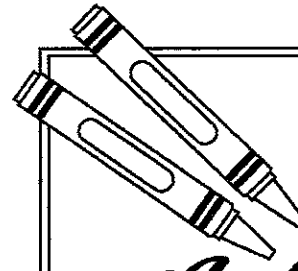
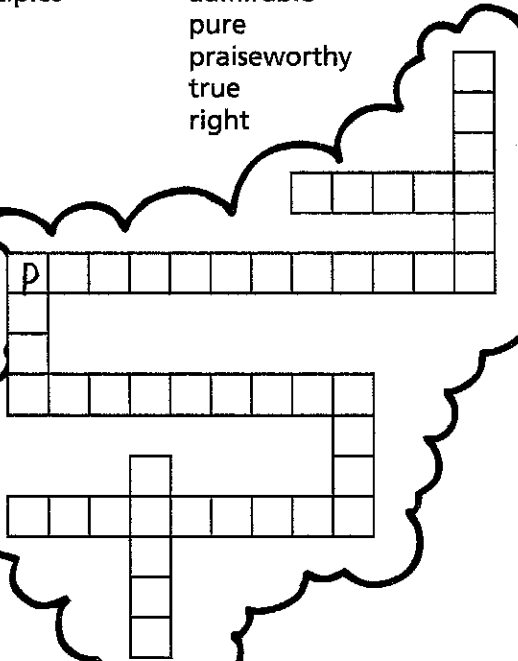
COLUMN 1

- correct
- commendable
- extremely good
- having high moral principles
- deserving respect
- pleasant
- real
- wholesome

COLUMN 2

- excellent
- lovely
- noble
- admirable
- pure
- praiseworthy
- true
- right

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things." Philippians 4:8, NIV



Just for KIDS

As for our family...

With school starting, schedules are getting busy again. Sometimes you might feel like you're going in too many directions and forgetting what's really important. Use the key below to remind you of where your family's real focus should always be.

	A	B	D	O*	N*	R*
KEY:	E	F	H	S*	T*	U*
	I	L	M	V*	W*	Y*



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JOSHUA 24:15B

Answer: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."