

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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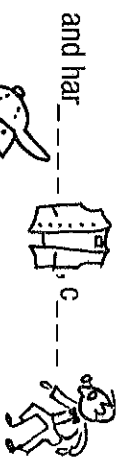
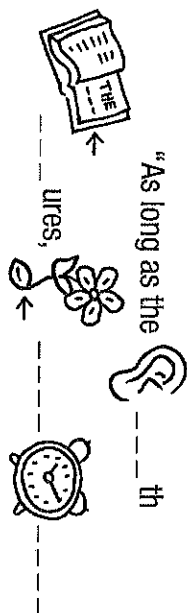
2014



## A promise to the earth

After the flood in Genesis, God promised to "never again ... destroy all living creatures" (Genesis 8:21, NIV).

**Directions:** Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.



and h \_\_\_\_\_, 1+2 = ? \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_ter, day and night



GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22, NIV

Pastor's Corner

October 2014

This fall our congregation participated in "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. Over 60 people worshipped, and over 30 participated in a range of events: weeding the downtown sidewalks, writing thank-you notes to folks who serve in the community, singing at Willow Manor, picking up trash on the highway, and cleaning at the Fig Leaf.

If you wondered if people noticed: they did. Just listen to the words in this thank you note that we received:

*Dear Pastor Kristina and Fellow Parishioners!*

*What a wonderful idea to dedicate a day for Community Fellowship. I especially commend those that dedicated his/her time cleaning up the Fitzpatrick block in downtown Iron River. With the new "Coop" parking lot across the street, no longer will it be such an eye sore. Our thanks to you and all Parishioners for a great job, well done and all the other good deeds – great idea!*

*Mary La Gesse*

What we do in the community matters, and it is something that we have put a lot of thought into over the past few years. It is something that I have begun thinking a lot about as I study the connection between word and service. As we extend the love and joy in our faith to the community, we see God's work in new and exciting ways.

Watch for that to continue. A community thanksgiving meal is in the works – churches, bars, restaurants, and other community businesses working together. Conversations with Northlakes Clinic have started looking at ways we can partner together to promote and encourage wellness within the community. The food shelf continues to provide much needed assistance and support to families.

As we continue to minister together, God shows us how much we are needed in this place. Let's continue to roll up our sleeves – *together*. With the Fall Fest, our Cookie Walk, and continued ministries, the fall and winter can move pretty fast. As we serve, let's take time to notice the abundance of beauty around us.

There is something magical about the vibrancy of color in the fall. It is a magic time, between the fullness of green that is summer and the barrenness that comes in the winter. It is a time of transition. We say goodbye to the summer and sink once again into warm sweaters, cozy fleeces, and closed toed shoes. As we do, let us continue to sink into the good work of sharing Christ with our neighbors, and with the world.

Peace to you now and always,



Pastor Kristina

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Pastor Kristina, Tammy Sipsas, Rozie Maki, Cindy Knapp, Sandy Rau, Ken Tanula, Doug Thyberg, Howard Lehman, and Lynette Kesler. Peg Hipsher was excused.

Howard Lehman called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Howard lead the bible study based on Matthew 17, titled Mustard Seeds and Mountains.

Ken Watters addressed the Council with two Thrivent proposals for matching funds, amounting up to \$500.00 each , for both the Fall Fest dinner and the Cookie Walk. Doug Thyberg made a motion for the Thrivent matching funds from the Fall Fest to go to support the Food Shelf breakfasts and the Cookie Walk matching funds to go to the discretionary fund. Rozie Maki seconded the motion and carried by all.

Secretaries report from July was approved by Rozie, seconded by Tammy and carried by all.

Treasurers report was presented by Doug. Cindy made a motion to approve the transfer of \$2925.00, out of the "carry over" funds, leaving a balance of \$.65, for general fund expenses. Seconded by Ken, carried by all. Cindy made a motion to approve the Treasurers report, subject to audit, seconded by Tammy, carried by all. Discussion followed about our church financial situation.

Sandy made a motion to appoint Lynette Kesler to the Council to complete the two years left from Karen Moron's term, seconded by Ken, carried by all.

Presidents report:

1. Sandy Rau has accepted the position of Secretary.
2. Fall Fest date of October 8 was agreed upon by all.
3. We will be meeting with Assistant to the Bishop, John Sutherland, on September 16, at 6 PM, to learn more about the "Bridgebuilders" program.
4. Ken Watters has volunteered his shop to build a supply of Faith Chests and a prototype was shown to the Council.
5. Howard asked us to pray for our church, it's members and our Pastor as we proceed in the next four months.

Pastor's report: (summary)

1. Pastor and Kathy Rewalt have started a Women's bible study using the "Gather" Magazine. The next study is Sunday, Sept. 14 at 5pm.
2. Pastor attended Valparaiso University for the Lutheran Deaconess Association. She has brought back a more committed interest in two areas. 1. Creating intentional community within our congregation and 2. Including our community when we plan service events.
3. Plan more community service events with the Evangelism committee.
4. Pastor and Evelyn created a draft of the events and important dates to put on the calendar between now and August 2015.

5. God's Work Our Hands Sunday went well and the Sand Family appreciated the Sacrament of Baptism service at the lake.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee will be meeting to prepare the 2015 budget.

Memorial/Honorarium Committee- Sandy, no report

Evangelism Committee worked to plan and implement God's Work Our Hand's Sunday activities. They will be looking for more community projects.

Education Committee will be meeting next week.

Property Committee has several projects to be completed this fall.

1. Insulation in the parsonage garage.
2. Relocate the vent for the furnace.
3. Roof, fascia and paint the bell tower.
4. Install new lighting in the fellowship hall. (Ken will work on this)
5. Repaint the parking lot lines.

Jim reminded the council that he will not be snowplowing. Cindy will contact Mike Sharp about snowplowing.

Stewardship Committee has been planning for the Stewardship drive. They have attended a training workshop and developed 2 goals, 1. to increase giving by 1% and 2. to increase our visual representation of our goal of giving. They are planning monthly themes to engage the congregation in seeing the connection between stewardship and everyday life. They are planning small group gatherings to learn about stewardship, share ideas about what we can do as people of faith, and to take a self assessment inventory to identify our gifts.

Worship Committee met September 8 to select hymns for the next four weeks.

Pastor purchased a musicians guide resource book. We will be switching to setting six liturgy. We will need to buy more glasses and "Wonder Washers".

Landscape Committee watering weeding have been on going.

Mutual Ministry Committee has not met.

Lynette made a motion to approve the committee reports, seconded by Rozie, motion carried by all.

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We discussed the upcoming meeting, September 16, with John Sutherland and the questions we might have for him. The Mutual Ministry Committee will be joining the council at this meeting and Pastor will not be there.

Fall Fest sign-ups are underway. Sandy made a motion to have 1/2 of the fall Fest proceeds go to help fund the Northlakes Care Program at the clinic and 1/2 go to the general fund of Our Savior's, seconded by Rozie and carried by all.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Rau, Secretary

## For your information.....

The Council is initiating a new program offered through the ELCA Northwest Synod entitled Bridgebuilders. This will be a structured process for helping congregations in times of transition and tension. The money to fund this program will come from the Virginia Tarter Fund. To quote the Bridgebuilders brochure, "The Bridgebuilder process is a way to move beyond anxiety to clarity to focus on resources rather than deficits, and to create a clear future instead of remaining mired in confusion." "The primary Bridgebuilders are the people of the congregation who are most in the position to effect decisions, changes and direction. A French proverb says 'Change is a door that can be opened only from the inside.' Bridgebuilder is a way to help this happen. It is about empowering people to create a new future." Some key elements of the Bridgebuilder process included: a process of growth, a multi-step process of several months, an objective view of the congregation's emotional system, empowering the congregation to manage their situation, lessening of anxiety to promote greater clarity, a focus on assets, not liabilities, finding a vision for the future, renewal of purposes and mission, creating a healthy future and increasing the leadership capacities within the congregation. Our Saviors Lutheran is facing several challenges at this time, and we believe this process will help us through them in a healthier way. Announcements will be made about this in church, but our first congregational meeting will be held at 5 pm on October 21. The Council invites you to come to the meeting on October 21 and participate in this strengthening process for our church. We will share further details each week in church.

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### September 16 Council Meeting

On September 16, 2014, the Council, along with the Mutual Ministry Committee, met with Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor John Sutherland, to learn more about the Bridgebuilder program. We asked questions and he was very informative about the process we would be following if we decided to use this program. A two person team will interview 20-25 members, selected at random, plus Pastor Kristina. People not interviewed are encouraged to submit their input by email or letters to the Bridgebuilder team. There will be a total of four meetings, one of which will be 1 1/2 hour learning event inviting all of Our Savior's members. A light supper will be served at this meeting as we help the team know what is going on at our church. Based on what the team learns, they will prepare a report with recommendations for changes to be made that will help us as we go forward. An Action Team of members will be assembled that will be responsible for carrying out the final Bridgebuilders plan. The council and mutual Ministry committee members were all convinced that this is a plan we want to move forward with.

### September 21 Special Council Meeting

On September 21, before the church service, Council members Howard Lehman, Cindy Knapp, Rozie Maki, Sandy Rau, Ken Tanula, Lynette Kesler and Doug Thyberg met for a special meeting. Cindy made a motion to move forward with the Bridgebuilders program, seconded by Rozie and carried by all.

Respectfully submitted  
Secretary, Sandy Rau



# Volunteer Schedule October 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 5

Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel  
Krista Gunderman  
Jens & Amy Gregerson

### October 12

Darren & Laurie Hanson  
Peggy Hipsher  
David & Linda Hultman

### October 19

Kurt Janko  
Jane Jensen  
Johnathan & Pastor  
Kristina Jensen

### October 26

Alice Johnson  
Carolyn Johnson  
Marjorie Johnson



## BIRTHDAYS this month

Terry Johnson - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Scott Hipsher - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Shayden Bradley - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jim DeRosia - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Arlene Crowley - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Judy Pohjonen - 21<sup>st</sup>  
Luke Drougas - 24<sup>th</sup>  
Desarae Sipsas - 28<sup>th</sup>

Ken Rantala - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Dennis Vetter - 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tyler Eisenhauer - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Donna Callahan - 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tim Landgreen - 19<sup>th</sup>  
Jennifer Forsythe - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Rodney Lahti - 24<sup>th</sup>  
Jerry Talso - 31<sup>st</sup>

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
October 5	Doug & Nancy Thyberg	Cindy Knapp	Volunteer Needed
October 12	Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel	Linda Pepping	Volunteer Needed
October 19	John Schrock & Mary Berube	Melinda Santikko	Volunteer Needed
October 26	Ken & Linda Watters	Donna Callahan	Volunteer Needed
<b>Monthly</b>			
<b>Ushers:</b> Karen Wicklund & Rozie Maki			
<b>Greeters:</b> Mark & Melinda Santikko			
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Linda Hultman & Debbie Landgreen			



Amy and Jens Gregerson - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Bruce and Judy Pohjonen - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Lynette and Keith Kesler - 26<sup>th</sup>

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## October 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Bible School	2 1:00 Bingo at Willow Manor 6:30 Choir	3	4 12:00 Yoga
5 9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item — Toothpaste	6 9-3 Community Quilting 2-4 Cantata Rehearsal 5:00 Worship Meeting 6:30 Education Meeting @ the P. Parlor 7:00 Al-Anon	7 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 9:00 Peeling potatoes and rutabagas 9:00 Set up for Fall Fest Dinner 5:30 Yoga	8 9:30 Bible Study  4:30-7:00 FALL FEST DINNER	9 6:30 Choir	10	11 12:00 Yoga
12 9:00 a.m. Worship 5:00 WELCA Bible Study Food Shelf Item — Kleenex	13 9-3 Community Quilting 2-4 Cantata Rehearsal 7:00 Al-Anon	14 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council	15 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Bible School	16 5:00 WELCA 6:30 Choir	17	18 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga
19 9:00 a.m. Worship Confirmation  Food Shelf Item — Canned Peaches or Pears	20 Newsletter Deadline 9-3 Community Quilting 2-4 Cantata Rehearsal 7:00 Al-Anon	21 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	22 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Bible School	23 6:30 Choir	24	25 12:00 Yoga
26 9:00 a.m. Worship Reformation Sunday  Food Shelf Item — Tomato Soup	27 9-3 Community Quilting 2-4 Cantata Rehearsal 7:00 Al-Anon	28 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	29 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Bible School	30 10:30-11:30 Produce distribution 6:30 Choir	31	



**Please keep the following men and women serving our country in your prayers:**

Continue to watch over Mike Hope, Tieggen 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.*



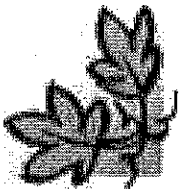
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# Annual Fall Fest

## Roast Beef & Pork Dinner

Take-outs available

**Wednesday,  
October 8, 2014  
4:30-7:00 p.m.**



**Fall Fest Dinner** - Our annual Fall Fest Roast Beef & Pork Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th, 4:30-7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up list posted on the bulletin board for donations of bars, potatoes and a few other items.

We also need help peeling potatoes and rutabagas and setting up on Tuesday as well as serving and cleaning up on Wednesday. Yes, this is a big job, but if we all pitch in and help with one small part, we can have a successful dinner! Please check the list and volunteer as you are able. Thank you!

**Calling singers for the Iron River Area Christmas Chorus!** Information about our upcoming rehearsals and performance follows.

## Iron River Area Chorus

**Rehearsals Begin Monday Oct. 6**

2:00-4:00pm

Our Savior's Lutheran

**All voice parts are welcome**

Cantata concert is 2:00pm Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>

Music will be available at the first rehearsal,

Cost is \$22

Part specific practice CD's are \$5

Patty Lehman, Director

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**October's Mission of the Month-** CASDA provides services to women, men and children regardless of race, nationality, religion, ability, sexual orientation or income level. Designed to address the many needs of victims, CASDA continually strives to create and develop programs of the highest quality. With a satellite office in Bayfield County, CASDA provides help to rural victims while communicating a message of non-violence in neighboring communities.

The phone number in Bayfield County is 715-373-0870. Twin Ports: 715-392-3136 or 1-800-649-2921

*The Mission of the Month is supported by the coffee money put in the baskets during Sunday fellowship after church.*

**Quilters--** We are now back quilting every Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We invite and encourage anyone who enjoys quilting to join us each week. You can work on your own sewing project, sew a graduate quilt, or help make prayer quilts. Prayer quilts are sewn with our prayers for God's love and healing power. This ministry started a few years ago at Our Savior's.

Hope to see you on Monday. **BRING A SACK LUNCH.**

**A free Community Thanksgiving Dinner-** for Thanksgiving Day is being planned. This event will be sponsored by churches and businesses in the area. Further details will follow. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Doug or Nancy Thyberg or any member of the Evangelism Committee.

**Craft and Cookie Sale is coming-** Saturday, December 6th. Sign-up sheets will be up soon. We are looking for people who will donate their talents by making cookies, baked goods and craft items for the sale. Holidays are coming and the sale is a great place to purchase gifts. Everyone is invited to participate. We always have to best cookies in town!!