

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:4-7)

Do any of you remember the magic-eye puzzles of the 80's? Those jumbles of line and bright color that you knew was hiding a basic image if you just looked at it hard enough and long enough? Is there anyone else out there who would stare at the image until your eyes hurt from straining so long and *still* couldn't catch the image? Is there anyone out there who feels the same way about some of the most basic bible passages?

All of us know that we *should* hand our worry and anxiety to God. The possibility is there, and the request is simple. We should be able to trade anxiety for peace at a moment's notice in prayer, right? It can be hard. Our worry gets the better of this and the passage we just read reads like a pipe dream. Why does it seem so elusive at times? Here are some thoughts based on the pattern we see in the Psalms and in Isaiah 40 – 55.

1. Trading peace from worry *does not mean* that you belittle the weight of the situation you are bringing to God. Look at all the psalms that start with lament over feeling forsaken and/or forgotten by God. It is faithful to pour out our hearts to God with honesty and feeling. If Jesus can quote Psalm 22 on the cross, "My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me," you can too.
2. It is *God* who will move you from anxiety to peace. In the language of the Psalms, we see the movement from lament to praise. The admonition "You have left me in the pit" is replaced with thanksgiving for God's salvation. God has done this *for* you in Jesus Christ. He has taken on your anguish and offers eternal life. Ask him to do this for you. It's too hard to accomplish by yourself.
3. Spend time in the word to aid in the process. The mind can't stand a vacuum. If you are praying for God to release you of anxiety but have nothing to replace that image or thought with, you aren't going to get very far. Allow yourself space and time to dwell in the word. Dietrich Bonhoeffer recommends ½ hour of prayerful meditation on scripture before you begin your daily work. Just think of the difference proper chewing makes in aiding digestion. Food is much better digested when eaten in small pieces at a leisurely pace. So is God's Word.
4. You have a community to help you when you need it. If you need assistance, ask. If you need conversation, seek it out. If you desire healing, don't be afraid to get it. We carry one another's burdens and one another's joys. Be open to where and how God is directing you to receive aid. Even if all you sense is a tiny inkling, take a chance. See what happens.
5. Remind yourself of what you are grateful for and how God has helped you in the past. This is central in the transition from lament to praise. "God who parted the red seas, who brought the Israelites out of Egypt, who rose Jesus to life from the grave; surely \_\_\_\_\_ is no problem for you. So I thank you in advance for the way in which you are already coming to my aid. Give me eyes to see it. Though my vision may be clouded, you are guiding me and I thank you for that...."

May God's peace be with you in your journey of faith, now and always – especially when you can't see it at first glance. May Jesus Christ reveal it until it is so clear that you can't believe how you could have missed it – just like those Magic Eye puzzles.

Blessings and Peace be yours, Pastor Kristina

Present- Howard Lehman, Doug Thyberg, Peggy Hipsher, Pastor Kristina, Cindy Knapp, Rozie maki, Ken Tanula, Lynette Kesler and Sandy Rau. Tammy Sipsas excused.

President Howard Lehman called the meeting to order at 6:35 and led us in a devotion from the book of Matthew.

The Secretary's report was approved by Cindy, seconded by Rozie and carried by all.

Treasurer's report was made by Peggy and Doug. We ended the month with a balance of \$841.65 in the checking account. Sandy made a motion to use \$500.00 from the Fig Leaf moneys for the quilt fund in the WELCA account, seconded by Rozie , motion carried by all. Rozie made a motion to accept the Treasures report, seconded by Lynette, motion carried by all.

#### PRESIDENTS REPORT:

John Joseph brought the need to have Our Savior's information updated on the ELCA Congregational Leadership Directory. Pastor and Evelyn are working on this.

Fall Fest net income, so far, is \$2017.55. Lynette made a motion to set the date of the 2015 Fall Fest to be October 14, seconded by cindy, carried by all.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT

Worship Services-5

Pastoral Visits- 12 hours

Meetings- 6

Education sessions- 10

Events- September Conference Pastors meeting- Superior

Mileage- 511 miles

Things pastor is working on include; Five-seven new members, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Partner with the Clinic with a walking program, plan a workshop with Kristin Hildebrant to help enroll in the Affordable Care Act, found missing records from Pastor Ida's tenure and having Evelyn enter them in the "RED" book, working with Kathy Rewalt to start the prayer chain.

Pastor Kristina made a motion, upon completion of their confirmation requirements, to confirm Luke Drougas, Shane Sipsas, and Andrew Hanson on Sunday, October 19, seconded by Cindy, carried by all.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee met and are working on creating our 2015 budget, based on NEED.

All committee budgets, for 2015, are due to doug by November 1.

Outreach and Evangelism committee are planning for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Six area churches and many businesses are working on this. They hope to serve 200 people. The meal will be served from 11-1:00 on November 27, at the Community Center. Transportation will be available.

Education committee met to discuss our confirmation program. The Christmas program will be held during the worship service on December 21. Six to eight children attending Wednesday Bible school. Six children are now in the Middle School and 2 events are being encouraged for them to attend.

Property committee- Ken Tanula contacted Ted Callahan, who submitted a bid to replace the fellowship hall lights with energy efficient LED lights. Peggy made a motion to accept the \$5262.30 bid, Cindy seconded the motion, carried by all.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUETS- OCTOBER 14, 2014

Stewardship committee of Cindy, Rozie and Lois Tanula, attended a stewardship workshop. They learned about a "tithe" Sunday and how to better understand where we are and what we need.

Worship Committee met on October 13 to select hymns through November 2. Assistant to the Bishop John sutherland will preach at our All Saints Service. Our next meeting will be November 3 at 5 pm.

Food Shelf had no report

Landscape committee would like to thank Merv Maki, Ken Tanula, Harry Danula and Jim Olson for the fine fine job of lawn mowing all summer long.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Snowplowing prices were discussed and we hope to sign a contract at our next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ken informed us that he has sold his house and will be moving by spring.

Bridgebuilders program discussed. Dick Rewalt is doing the random selection of members to be interviewed. Several council members will make chili and bread to serve at the October Bridgebuilder event. Council members each took names of voting members to call to encourage attendance at the bridgebuilders event on Tuesday, October 21, at 5pm. Pastor had Evelyn sent out meeting notices by mail. Council members were asked to fill out a form to denote our personal "Life changing" events as members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:04  
Sandy Rau, Secretary

# Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 27, 2014  
Iron River Community Center  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

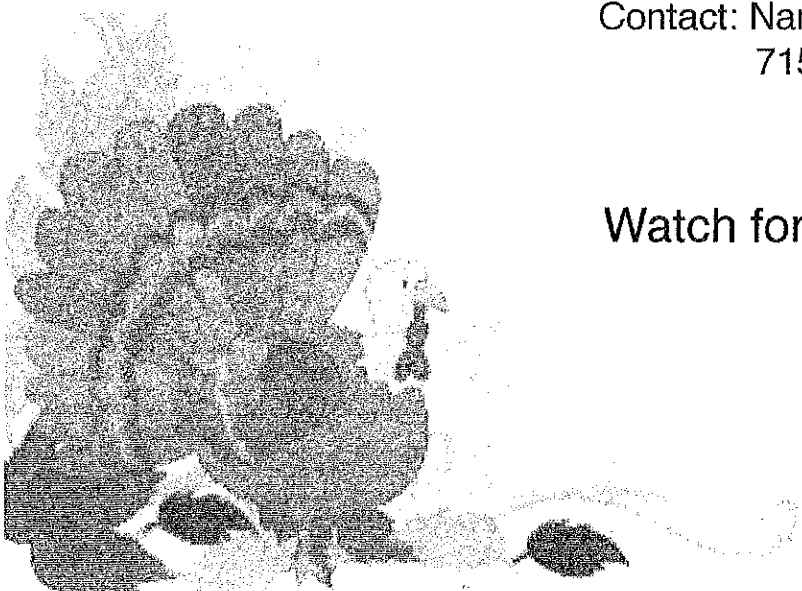
***EVERYONE IS WELCOME***

*For a  
Traditional Thanksgiving Meal  
at no charge*

Made Possible by the generous support and donations by area churches and businesses.

Interested in helping out?  
Contact: Nancy or Doug Thyberg  
715-372-5249

Watch for more details in the coming weeks.





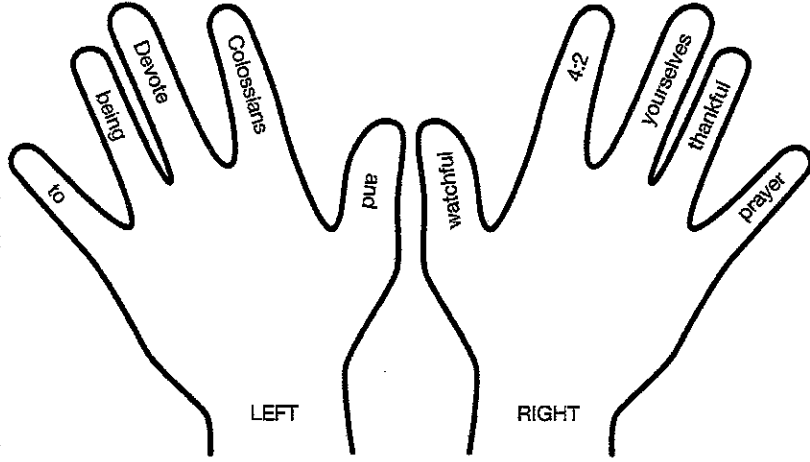
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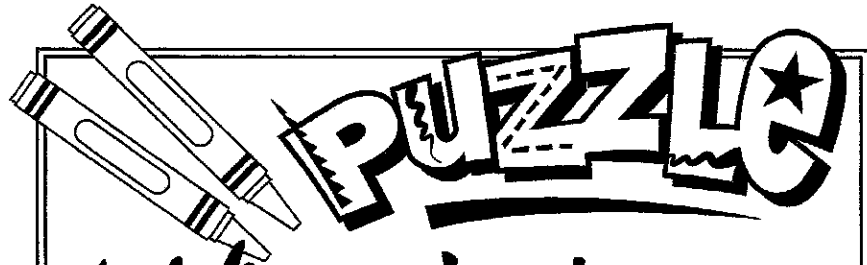
One way to show our thankfulness is to bow our heads, fold our hands and pray to God.



*Directions: Complete Colossians 4:2 (NIV) by selecting one word on the left hand, then one on the right and so on. Go back and forth, using the word blanks as a guide.*



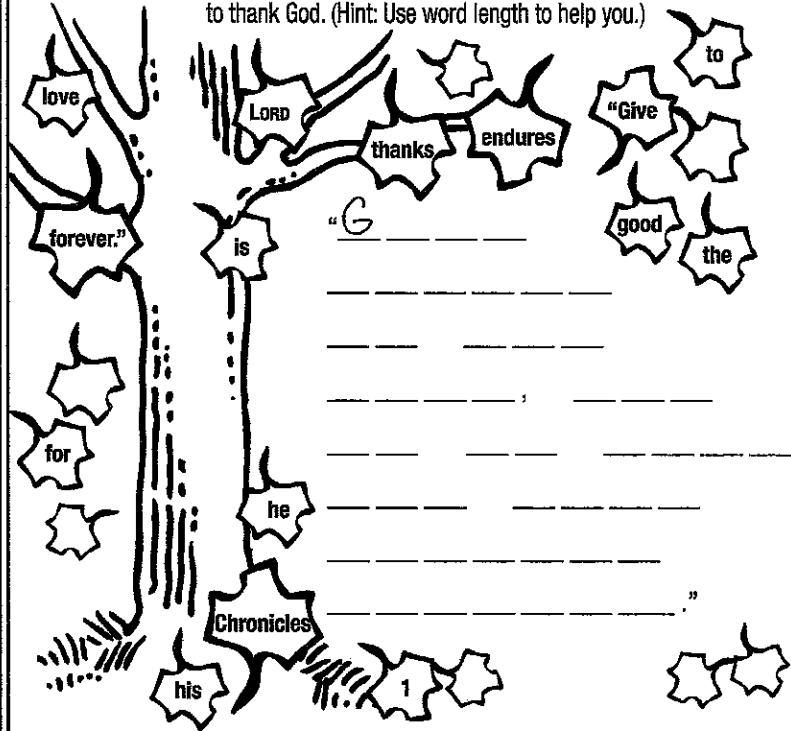
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# Why we're thankful

Leaves falling from trees are a sign of autumn's arrival. Giving thanks to God is a sign of our gratitude for his many blessings.

*Directions: Using the words in the leaves, discover why it's good for us to thank God. (Hint: Use word length to help you.)*



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16:34, NIV

Answer: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2, NIV

Answer: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV



# Volunteer Schedule November 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.

### November 2

Nancy Johnson  
Terry & Maureen Johnson  
John & Jeanne Joseph

### November 9

Dorothy Kangas  
Ray Kangas  
Lynette Kesler

### November 16

Kevin Kinnon  
Jim Klinge  
Phil & Cindy Knapp

### November 23

John & Donna Kramolis  
Laurel LaBelle  
Archie & Kathy Lahti

### November 30

Rodney & Mary Ann Lahti  
Tim & Debbie Landgreen  
Marie Larson



## BIRTHDAYS this month

Gavin Olson -1<sup>st</sup>  
Donna Kramolis -2<sup>nd</sup>  
Luke Lindquist -3<sup>rd</sup>  
Peggy Hipsher -5<sup>th</sup>  
Kathy Rewalt -5<sup>th</sup>  
Diane Walsh -6<sup>th</sup>  
Marjorie Johnson -7<sup>th</sup>  
Rick Forsythe -7<sup>th</sup>  
Justina Forsythe -7<sup>th</sup>  
Damon Walsh -10<sup>th</sup>

Sue Lindquist -13<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Trautt -13<sup>th</sup>  
Beverly Paterson -14<sup>th</sup>  
Samuel Jensen -22<sup>nd</sup>  
Nancy Thyberg -22<sup>nd</sup>  
Ramona Baltscheit -25<sup>th</sup>  
Linda Hultman -25<sup>th</sup>  
Chelsea Hipsher -29<sup>th</sup>  
Pirkko Olson -30<sup>th</sup>

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
November 2	Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel	Rozie Maki	Volunteer Needed
November 9	Evie Berge & Karen Wicklund	John Schrock	Volunteer Needed
November 16	Tammy Sipsas & Bonnie Rantala	Linda Hultman	Volunteer Needed
November 23	Doug & Nancy Thyberg	Rick Forsythe	Volunteer Needed
November 30	John Schrock & Mary Berube	Kent Getty	Volunteer Needed
<b>Monthly</b>			
Ushers: Ken & Linda Watters			
Greeters: John Johnson & Laurel LaBelle			
Altar Guild:			



Ken & Linda Watters— 9<sup>th</sup>

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## November 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship <b>All Saint's Day-Rev. John Sutherland Preaching</b>  Food Shelf Item --- Canned Fruit <b>Day Light Savings</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 Community Quilting Group  6:30 Education Meeting @ The P. Parlor 7:00 Al-Anon	<b>4</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>5</b> 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wednesday Bible School 5:00 Bible School Spaghetti Dinner for youth and families	<b>6</b> 5:00 Youth gather for Newsboys concert @ the DECC  6:30 Choir	<b>7</b> God Stock	<b>1</b> 12:00 Yoga <hr/> <b>8</b> God Stock 12:00 Yoga
<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship <b>Stewardship Potluck Brunch following worship</b>  5:00 WELCA Bible Study God Stock Food Shelf Item --- Canned Peas	<b>10</b> 9:00 Community Quilting Group  5:00 Worship 7:00 Al-Anon	<b>11</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council	<b>12</b> 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wednesday Bible School	<b>13</b> 5:30-7:00 New Member Orientation  6:30 Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Food Shelf 9:00-11:00</b>  12:00 Yoga
<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship <b>Commitment Sunday &amp; Reception of New Members</b>  Food Shelf Item --- Canned Fruit	<b>17</b> 9:00 Community Quilting Group  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>18</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>19</b> 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wednesday Bible School	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> Produce Distribution WELCA 6:30 Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:00 Yoga
<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item --- Kleenex	<b>24</b> 9:00 Community Quilting Group  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>25</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga TBA-Congregational Meeting-Bridgebuilder's Report	<b>26</b> 9:30 Bible Study  <i>No Wednesday Bible School</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Closed for Thanksgiving</b>  11:00am-1:00pm Community Thanksgiving Meal @ the Iron River Community Center	<b>28</b> Office Closed	<b>29</b> 12:00 Yoga
<b>30</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship First Sunday in Advent  Food Shelf Item --- Paper Towels	<b>December 1</b> 9:00 Community Quilting Group  5:00 Worship 7:00 Al-Anon	<b>December 2</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>December 3</b> 9:00 Peeling Potatoes for Lefse 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wednesday Bible School	<b>December 4</b> 9:00 Making Lefse  6:30 Choir	<b>December 5</b> 9:00 Setting up for Cookie Walk & Craft Sale	<b>December 6</b> 10:00 Cookie Walk & Craft Sale  1:00 Advent Fair





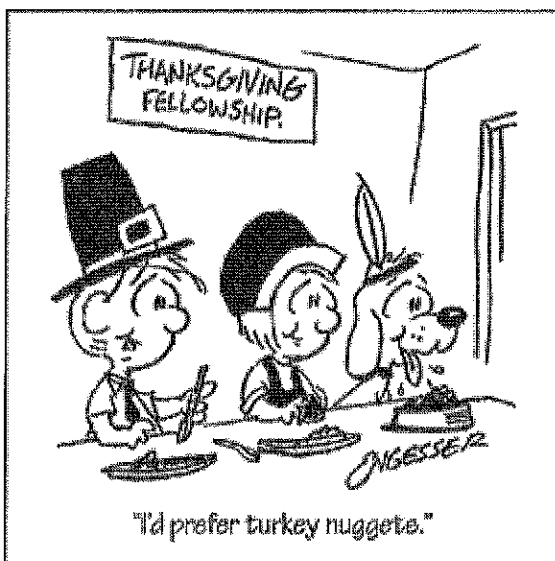
Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the December Newsletter deadline date has been moved up to Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Ladies – Our Thankoffering-** When you give to Thankofferings, your dollars support Women of the ELCA ministries that reach thousands of communities. Thankofferings provide for justice programs like Today's Dream Tomorrow's Reality, a network of racial justice advocates and educators who serve throughout the church. They support advocacy for the health and safety of women and children. Thankofferings also support a publishing ministry that reaches more than 70,000 women through *Gather* magazine and Bible Study and free program resources that bring Lutheran theology to topics ranging from women's health and prayer to stewardship and human trafficking. Thankofferings also support extensive outreach to women of every generation through *Bold Café*, the free online magazine that features young adult writers in the church. Our offerings will be gathered on Sunday, November 23rd. Keep saving those coins for this important ministry.

**Craft and Cookie Sale-**  
**Cookies, Cookies, Who likes Cookies?**

It is time to start planning what cookies you want to bake. Along with the lefse we will have for sale, it is our chance to shine with many favorite family recipes. The sign-up sheets are up on the bulletin board. Please check them and see where you can help. We are still in need of craft items and we will have our \$1 table sale. Thanks for supporting WELCA.

**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.



**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.*

**Thanksgiving Stuffing!** Once again, Our Savior's has been asked to donate stuffing for the Rural Area Care Food Shelf Thanksgiving distribution. We need 75 boxes/bags of stuffing to do our share. Please put your donation in the basket provided in the Narthex. Thanks for your generous giving!

**Stewardship-** The stewardship committee is planning a potluck Sunday on Nov. 9th following worship to kick off our stewardship drive. Our theme is Growing Generous GRACIOUS Givers. We invite everyone to bring a dish to pass for brunch. We will present what we have learned from our attendance at various workshops. We will then be giving everyone a survey to take home to fill out to find out what talents you have been given by God! We will then ask you to bring the surveys back along with your pledge cards for Commitment Sunday on November 16th which is also New Member Sunday! Hope to see you there.

