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*Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live."
(Proverbs 8:1-4)*

King Solomon's desire for wisdom more than wealth or lands is the stuff of legends. As the story goes, God appears to Solomon in a dream, and asks him to pick one thing that his heart desires most. Instead of asking for God to give him glory, Solomon asks for the gift of wisdom so that he might glorify God in his ability to listen and discern between good and evil for the people. Solomon is humble and sincere in his request. God grants him not only wisdom, but unimaginable wealth, peace with neighboring and enemy nations, expansion of the kingdom, and the honor of building the God's temple.

Who among us has not wished at some point in our lives that we had the wisdom of King Solomon? Sometimes, it seems, if we just knew what to *do* in a situation, our lives and the lives of our loved ones would be so much better. Easier. Less messy.

For the past several months, your council and the members of the Bridgebuilder Action Planning Team have been praying for the wisdom to seek and enact the vision that God has for ministry at Our Savior's Lutheran. Specifically, they have been praying for greater wisdom in three areas: Staff Guidance, Communication, and Finance and Stewardship. When the Action Planning Committee began the process, there was a lot of worry and anxiety. People felt the weightiness of the issues and the task at hand seemed confusing and daunting.

How were we to proceed? We went back to square one: asking God for healing, and for the wisdom to listen to him and one another with humility and with love.

As the meetings progressed, ideas presented by Action Planning Team members and from congregation members on the elephant began reflecting dreams for the future instead of regret and pain towards the past. Hope for our future – still tender and fragile – began to emerge. A planning team was added to the Action Planning Team (APT).

In a very short time, the APT will begin to present these ideas to you, the congregation, through a series of 'focus groups'. Let us approach the task at hand with the same humility in which King Solomon asked God for wisdom. Instead of asking for God to make our church's name great again, let us begin as King Solomon did, asking for the wisdom and discernment to make God's name great again.

As the song based in Matthew goes, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness. And all these things shall be given unto you, Allelu, alleluia." Let us listen to God, and to one another. As the proverb above reminds us, wisdom calls to *all* of us. Let us heed the call, and live into the new identity that God has for us in this place.

Shalom to each of you this Easter Season,

Pastor Kristina

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING- April 14, 2015

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

President Howard Lehman called the meeting to order at 6:33. Cindy gave devotion on rejoicing and praying.

Secretary's report was approved by a motion by Peggy, seconded by Tammy and approved by all.

Treasurer's report was presented by Peggy. We had a negative balance of -\$ 994.99 in the checking account, as of March 31. Easter offerings helped to reduce this negative balance. Peggy compared the attendance and offering from 2014 and 2015 and found they are about equal. Cindy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Tammy and approved by all.

Presidents Report began with Howard giving us devotion from the second chapter of Mark. It talks about not pouring old wine into new wine as analogy of fearful, old thinking is not good. We need to go forward and forget old comments. Also talked about the willingness to be served and cared for.

1. The Congregation is encouraged to attend one of three meetings, May 3 after the service at 10:30, May 6 at Howard and Patty Lehman's home at 5:30PM, or May 12 for a Potluck at the church at 5:30 Pm, with focus groups telling about the goals they are working on. They need ideas from the congregation.
2. After discussion, Cindy made a motion to reduce the Council from 9 to 7 members, seconded by Doug and approved by all. We will need three new members voted on at the annual meeting.

Pastor's report: Pastor gave us a report from January, February and March. Totals for the three months are:

Worship Services-13
Funerals-2
Pastoral visits-25
meetings-15
Education sessions-24
Events-6
mileage-1713 miles
Sick leave-3 days
Vacation days taken-8 days

Pastor has purchased 4 different topic studies to incorporated into our church services and plus extended studies. Cindy made a motion to pay the \$250.00 cost of the programs with the April and May "Mission of the Month", seconded by Doug, approved by all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance committee-See the Treasurers report

Outreach and Evangelism, Cindy reported the nursery update continues with installation of a speaker and shelving. Hearts for Malawia flood relief has a balance of \$734.00 and Doug will send it into the synod. Snowbird Welcome Back Party is planned.

Mutual Ministry Committee is continuing to work with Bridgebuilders.

Education Committee- Tammy had no report but plans are to try Sunday morning Sunday School starting April 26.

Property Committee-Doug reported they worked on the Spring Clean-up

Worship Committee met on April 6. Hymns were selected for services through May 3. We will be using setting 8 for the remainder of Easter Season and will include an opening hymn, Kyrie and Hymn of Praise. We still need to strive for a one hour service.

Peggy made a motion to approve the committee reports, seconded by Doug and approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS

Check with Bridge builders to make sure one of the groups is working on a procedure to follow concerning non-attending members.

Pastor and Secretary reviews still need to be done.

Howard continues to work on the Youth Service

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Annual Reports are due to Evelyn by May 1
2. Annual meeting agenda will include Election, Bridge builder report and a motion to accept the committee reports.
3. Howard and Patty Lehman will be our delegates to the synodical convention on May 30 and 31. Pastor will also attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10with the Lord's Prayer
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 PM

Sandy Rau, Secretary



Volunteer Schedule May 2015

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.

May 3

Sam & Katie Bradley
Chuck Buran
Ted & Donna Callahan

May 10

Dale Carlson
Bill & Rita Collins
David & Debbie
Christensen

May 17

Harold & Carol Danula
Rose DeGraef
Jim & Carrie DeRosia

May 24

Jim & Charlotte DeRosia
Trey & Michelle Drougas
Cheri Ericson

May 31

Joann Forsythe
Rick & Jody Forsythe
Amy Frostman

| Date | Coffee | Lector |
|--------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| May 3 | Karen Wicklund & Doreen Swanson | John Joseph |
| May 10 | Rodney & MaryAnn Lahti | Dick Rewalt |
| May 17 | Tammy Sipsas & Bonnie Rantala | Linda Pepping |
| May 24 | John & Jeanne Joseph | Eileen Bentzen |
| May 31 | Merv & Rozie Maki | Himma Santikko |

Monthly

Ushers: Wayne & Lynette Smith

Greeters: Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel

Altar Guild:



BIRTHDAYS this month

Eric Pohjonen -1st
Dorothy Kangas -5th
Lynette Kesler -5th
Mack Santikko -5th
Karen Boggess -7th
Paul Santikko -8th
Julie Anderson -9th
Sandy Rau -14th
Janice Anderson -14th
Bill Pepping-16th

Leo Drougas -16th
Pastor Kristina -18th
Judy Nelson -18th
Tom Boggess -18th
Howard Lehman -28th
Ray Kangas -29th
Reenie Modeen -29th
Jens Gregerson -30th
Ryan Johnson -30th
Ken Watters -30th



Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel -1st
Wayne & Lynette Smith -3rd
John & Doreen Swanson -17th
Phil & Cindy Knapp -27th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

May 2015

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| 3 9:00 a.m. Worship Graduate Sunday 10:45 Bridgebuilders Focus Group Meeting- Please read the article in the newsletter for more information. 5:00 WELCA Bible Study Food Shelf Item — Soups | 4 Annual Reports Due to Evelyn 9:00 Community Quilting Group 5:00 Worship 7:00 Al-Anon | 5 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga | 6 9:30 Bible Study 2:00 Scholarship Meeting 6:30 Bridgebuilders Focus Group Meeting @ The Lehman's- Please read the article in the newsletter for more information. | 7 <i>No Choir</i> 3:15 Fig Leaf Board Meeting | 1 Friendship Day Luncheon Scholarship Applications Due 8 | 2 12:00 Yoga 9 12:00 Yoga |
| 10 9:00 a.m. Worship Mother's Day Food Shelf Item — Canned vegetables | 11 9:00 Community Quilting Group 7:00 Al-Anon | 12 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:00 Bridgebuilders Focus Group Meeting- Please read the article in the newsletter for more information. 6:30 Council | 13 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Smiling Faces Childcare Spring Concert & Graduation | 14 6:30 Choir | 15 | 16 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga |
| 17 9:00 a.m. Worship Annual Congregational Meeting Food Shelf Item — Canned Fruit | 18 9:00 Community Quilting Group 7:00 Al-Anon | 19 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga | 20 Newsletter Deadline 9:30 Bible Study | 21 Pastor at Conference meeting 5:00 WELCA 6:30 Choir | 22 | 23 12:00 Yoga |
| 24 9:00 a.m. Worship Pentecost Food Shelf Item — SpegettiOs | 25 Memorial Day Office Closed for Holiday 9:00 Community Quilting Group 7:00 Al-Anon | 26 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga | 27 9:30 Bible Study | 28 10:30 Food Shelf Produce Distribution 6:30 Choir | 29 | 30 12:00 Yoga Synod Assembly Walking Together - Eau Clair |
| 31 9:00 a.m. Worship Synod Assembly Food Shelf Item — Macaroni and Cheese | | | | | | |



Sue and Reen would like to invite you to a Graduation Party for Luke Lindquist at Moon Lake Park from Noon-5:00 on Sunday, May 31, 2015.



Bridge Builders Update

Your Bridge Builders Planning Action Team is now preparing its plan for the OSLC Council consideration. As part of that process the Team will present its findings to the Congregation in a series of Focus Group presentations. There will be three meetings scheduled where the Team will present and gather feedback on the content of the planning. All members of the congregation are urged to attend at least one of the Focus meetings to both hear and provide feedback on the Draft Action Plan. The first Focus meeting will be at the Church on Sunday May 3rd, starting at 10:45 AM (right after the Fellowship time). The second Focus meeting will be hosted by the Lehman's at their home on Busky Bay on Wednesday May 6th, starting at 6:30 PM. Patty promises light snacks for this meeting. The third opportunity will be held at the Church on Tuesday May 12th, at 6:00 PM. The Planning Action Team will host this last meeting as a pot luck supper. Everyone is invited. It is important that you plan to attend at least one of them. The same material will be presented at each meeting. It is expected that these meetings will take about 60 minutes to complete. See Dick Rewalt for any clarifications. Input received during these Focus meetings will be carried back into the final planning document.

Dick Rewalt

Bridge Builders Action Planning Team Lead

Gift Baskets for Luther Park- Again this year we will be putting together gift baskets for the Silent Auction fundraiser at Luther Park. The auction will take place on August 15th. Please be watching the fellowship area for the Theme Basket display. More information will be coming in the next couple of weeks as far as themes for each basket and ideas for where you can help. Watch the bulletin in May and the next newsletter for specifics. Last year we started out with three baskets and ended up with enough items to fill 5 baskets!!! What a great contribution to the support of Luther Park. Thank you for your generosity. Please see Kathy Rewalt if you have questions.

Pie & Ice Cream Social- Sunday, May 3rd from 1:00-4:00 at Peace Lutheran Church. Sponsored by The Rural are & Share Food Shelf and Thrivent Financial. Free Will offering, all proceeds go to the Rural Care & Share Food Shelf.

Mission Covenant Church Senior Adult Ministry Presents- 6 time Southern Gospel Musician of the year, Pianist Jeff Stice and The Chancellors, a Southern Gospel Quartet. Saturday, May 2nd at 2:00. All ages invited to stay afterward for dessert and coffee in the fellowship Hall. See poster for more details.

Brule Presbyterian Church Annual Spring Rummage and Bake Sale- Saturday, May 9th 9:00-1:00 at the Brule Town Hall

MAY PRAYER CONCERNS:

- For the Bridgebuilder process and the APT team as we meet and process ideas in focus groups
- For our delegates and all who attend the Synod Assembly May 30-31 in Eau Claire
- For graduating seniors
- For our homebound members: Marge Johnson, Howard Fuhrman, Dale Carlson, Olivia Meiritz
- For Christians facing persecution from ISIS or other hostile populations
- For healing and understanding in the midst of racial unrest
- For individuals in need of healing and grace:
- For deployed and active military personnel:

We are rebooting this section with a clean slate due to inactivity of requests.

Please let us know friends and family members that you would like to add to our newsletter for the purpose of prayers.

Requests for prayers during worship are still done on Sunday Mornings to keep the prayers current.

It would be helpful, when appropriate, to know your name (if the request is not for a congregation member) and what to pray for so we can keep those connections in mind and ask for updates.

- Example: Karen Mortensen - extensive nerve pain and anxiety (Pastor Kristina's Sister)
- Guy Suo - continued recovery from heart surgery (Rosie Maki)
- Margy Kesler - continued recovery from slight stroke (Lynette Kesler)

Requests can be submitted to Pastor Kristina at osl@cheqnet.net or Evelyn Pamer at oslsec@cheqnet.net.

Requests will be kept in the newsletter for two months unless otherwise noted. Please submit another request for continuation in our congregation's prayers so that we can keep the list current.

Spring Fling- First Lutheran Church in Port Wing is having a Spring Fling. Wednesday May 6 at Noon. Pot luck, music, games, fun, prizes and entertainment!!! Guest Speaker: Laura Ericson "Dr. Ruth of ornithology" Everyone welcome, please bring a friend. Please bring a Food Shelf item.





PUZZLE



Spring has sprung!

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.


Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.

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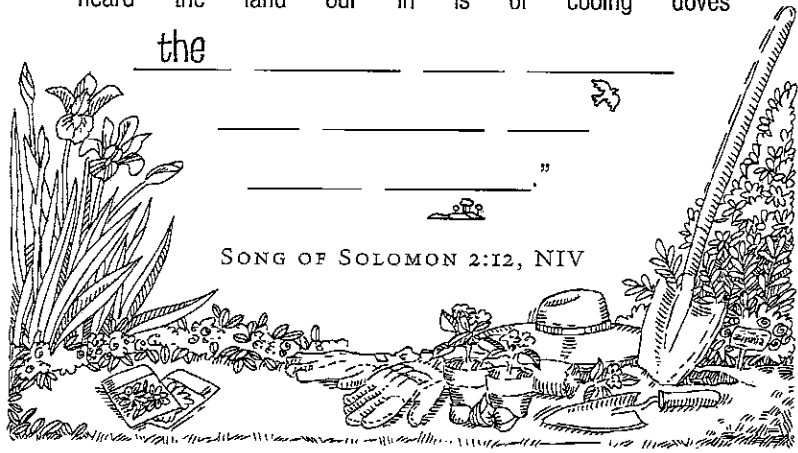
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SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV

Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."



Just for KIDS

Mothers of the Bible

God wants us to love and honor our mothers – not just on Mother's Day, but every day. The Bible tells us about many mothers who loved God.

Use the code to discover each mother's name.

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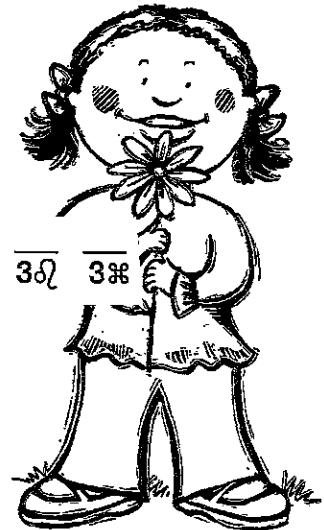
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| 3 | Z | B | S | H | T |
| 4 | D | N | V | K | G |



Answers: NAOMI, RUTH, EVE, SARAH, HAGAR, HANNAH, MARY, ELIZABETH, LEAH, RACHEL, REBEKAH.