

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes – July 14, 2015

Present: Peg Hipsher, Howard Lehman, Cindy Knapp, Kathy Rewalt, Lynette Kesler Guest: Doug Thyberg  
Excused: Tammy Sipsas, Nan Olson

Meeting was called to order by President Howard Lehman at 6:40 pm. Opening devotions by Peg.

Secretary's report was reviewed and approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's report was presented by Peg. As of June 30, we have \$474.83 in the checking account. Attendance and giving are down. This is a very tight summer. We have \$3,000 of unpaid bills as of this week's council meeting. Following discussion, report was approved by acclamation and will be filed for audit.

Pastor's severance proposal was reviewed. Dates for paying out travel expense were changed along with the paid out amount at the end of August. Total severance amount remained the same and changes were initialed and dated on original by both Pastor Kristina and Howard Lehman. Proposal is complete and finalized.

President's report - Howard presented the letter that will be sent to the congregation this week along with Pastor Kristina's Letter of Resignation. All congregation members will receive the mailing this week.

Pastor Kristina has asked to keep her laptop. After discussion, Cindy made a motion and it was seconded by Lynette, to let her keep the laptop computer. Motion carried.

Evelyn has several questions that needed clarification. Council members were able to help and Howard will get with Evelyn this week with answers.

No Pastor Report

#### Committee Reports

- Education Committee – VBS is July 20-24. Counselors from Luther Park will be here. They will stay at John Schrock and Mary Berube's cabin. Cindy asked for permission to charge items at the Food Coop if they need them during the week. Motion by Lynette and seconded by Peg for her to purchase items. The kids will sing at the Blueberry Fest Talent Show.
- Finance/Stewardship/Memorial - Doug had the new signature cards ready and all officers signed.
- Food Shelf Committee – It is our church's turn to distribute the food this month. We will serve a breakfast of biscuits and gravy to all.
- Mutual Ministry – The committee will be reactivated. Specifics tabled until Aug meeting.
- Outreach & Evangelism – The two TVs have been installed in the fellowship area and the nursery. We need some wiring repaired in the sanctuary and the projector will be installed. Asked to purchase items for the breakfasts from the Food Shelf Monies. Motion by Peg and seconded by Cindy to authorize purchases. Motion carried. They asked permission to continue the Mission of the Month. Motion by Lynette and seconded by Howie to continue. Motion carried. August 23 is the church picnic. It will be a pot luck and Evangelism will provide drinks for all.
- Property Committee – No Meeting
- Worship Committee – Special services are being planned for the picnic and for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. We will also plan special services for the Sunday's that Pastor Tom cannot be with us. Lynette will cover these Sunday's so communion may be served.

- Executive Committee – Met in a special meeting on July 5 to approve a Negotiating Committee to meet with Bishop Hoyme and Pastor Kristina.

Cindy made a motion and Lynette seconded to approve the committee reports. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Shut-In Visitations – We have about 4 names of members who need to be visited and given communion. Kathy has the instruction sheets and service to be used when we visit. Howard will ask in church on Sunday to see if we need to add more names.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Resignation Letter from Julie Peck – Kathy presented the letter and it was accepted by the council. Advertisement is already out in newspapers for a new director. Closes on September 1.

New meeting date for council – Beginning in August, council will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

Service of Godspeed for Pastor Kristina and family will be held the first part of August. More information coming in the next week as plans are finalized. The Jensen's will be leaving Iron River about August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lynette made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Peg.

We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 12 @ 5:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Rewalt, Secretary

#### Worship Committee notes:

We discussed the need to remind the Ushers about the new Acolyte duties they have been given. Especially to light the candles at 5 minutes to 9:00 and to extinguish them at the BEGINNING of the sending hymn. I will contact the July Ushers to remind them.

It is time to order the new Sundays and Seasons planning books. They cost \$32.00 each and we usually get 8 of them. Since this information is available on-line because of the license the church pays for, some have chosen to try to get the information that way instead of buying a book. We will order 4 or five books.

We spent some time reviewing the Bridge builder report goal number 8 from the Planning team. We have decided to continue being flexible about the style of communion we are using. We feel that having the Pastor be the only one distributing the bread, so that children get a consistent blessing can be addressed by helping those serving communion be given the words to use to give the children a blessing. We are tabling the Healing Service issue at this time.

The Evangelism committee has asked us to plan a short Worship Service for the God's Work Our Hands Sunday on September 23. We will make plans at our August 2 meeting. We will also look at the Outdoor service for August 23 at Moon Lake Park.

Julie Peck has resigned as Choir Director. Patti Lehman will advertise in the Daily Press, Connection and Evening Telegram for someone to fill this vacancy. She will offer her phone number for interested people to call for details of the position. August 1 will be the deadline to apply and the position will begin on September 1 of 2015. The Worship committee will select the best candidate.

The next Worship committee meeting is August 3 at 5 PM

Sandy Rau



# Volunteer Schedule August 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.

### August 2

John & Donna Kramolis  
John & Laurel LaBelle  
Kathy & Archie Lahti

### August 9

Rodney & MaryAnn Lahti  
Tim & Debbie Landgreen  
Marie Larson

### August 16

Ray Lavine  
Howard & Patty Lehman  
Susan Lindquist

### August 23

Merv & Rozie Maki  
Olivia Mieritz  
Reen Modeen

### August 30

James & Judy Nelson  
John & Tammy O'Brien  
Chris & Shelly Olson

Date	Coffee	Lector
August 2	Nan Olson & Sherry Tanula	John Joseph
August 9	John Schrock & Mary Berube	John Schrock
August 16	Cindy Knapp & Bonnie Rantala	Eileen Bentzen
August 23	Picnic at Moon Lake Park	Dick Rewalt
August 30	Reen Modeen & Evie Berge	Tammy Sipsas

Monthly
<b>Ushers:</b> Dick & Kathy Rewalt
<b>Greeters:</b> Merv & Rozie Maki
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Julie Peck



## BIRTHDAYS this month

Desi Sipsas - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Melinda Santikko - 6 <sup>th</sup>
Doug Olson - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnie Rantala - 7 <sup>th</sup>
Tammy O'Brien - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Patterson - 10 <sup>th</sup>
Zachary Hipsher - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Laurie Hanson - 14 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Welty - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Jensen - 15 <sup>th</sup>
Sam Knapp - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sean O'Brien - 17 <sup>th</sup>
Jeremy Landgreen - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Peck - 20 <sup>th</sup>
Darren Hanson - 20 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Knapp - 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Nolan Anderson - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan Walsh - 28 <sup>th</sup>
Lynette Smith - 31 <sup>st</sup>	Roberta Ruef - 31 <sup>st</sup>



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>  
Wayne & Lynette Smith - 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>

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## August 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  Food Shelf Item — Box of cereal	<b>3</b> Office Closed  5:00 Worship Meeting  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>4</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>5</b>  9:30 Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 12:00 Yoga  <b>8</b> 12:00 Yoga Church reserved from 2-4
<b>9</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  6:00 WELCA Bible Study  Food Shelf Item — Oatmeal	<b>10</b>  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>11</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>12</b>  9:30 Bible Study  5:30 Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Food Shelf            9:00-11:00</b>  12:00 Yoga
<b>16</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  Food Shelf Item — Juice	<b>17</b>  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>18</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>19</b>  9:30 Bible Study	<b>20</b>  5:00 WELCA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  12:00 Yoga
<b>23</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Worship in the Park</b> <b>11:00 Picnic @ Moon Lake Park</b>  Food Shelf Item — Cans of Peas	<b>24</b> <b>Newsletter            Deadline</b>  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>25</b> Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>26</b>  9:30 Bible Study	<b>27</b>  10:30 Food Shelf Produce Distribution	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  12:00 Yoga
<b>30</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  Food Shelf Item — Pork-n-beans	<b>31</b>  7:00 Al-Anon					

**The Fig Leaf Needs Our Help**-Our Savior's members volunteer at the Fig Leaf every Friday and every 5th Saturday (Aug. 22, Sept. 26th). We are very short handed right now and need help. Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to see if you have time to help on a Friday (even a few hours will help) or Saturday. Any help will be greatly appreciated. No experience is necessary!!

**"God's Work. Our hands"**- On September 13, Our Saviors will participate with the Synod's "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday. The worship committee will coordinate the service with the Evangelism committee. The projects with year will be:

1. Singing at Willow Manor
2. House at Riverview fix-up
3. Social gathering at Columbia Manor

More details to follow about times and a possible pot-luck at church following the service projects. T-shirts will be available for purchase if desired.

**A Community Garden in Iron River.**  
**What Do You Think?**

The Evangelism Committee has acquired permission to use a nice garden spot in Iron River to establish a community garden. If you are interested in working on developing the garden, using the garden, or just like the concept and would like to promote the garden please contact the Evangelism Committee.

**Not receiving a newsletter?** Either by email or regular mailings? Let the church secretary know that you would like to be added to either the email list or the regular mailing list and one will be sent right to you. You can also access our newsletters and other church information on our website [ironriverlutherans.org](http://ironriverlutherans.org)



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

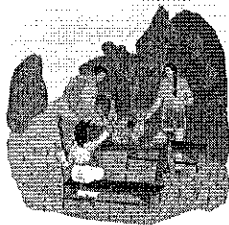
this worthwhile project you are in luck! Members of WELCA will do your shopping for you! Please give the money to Linda Watters. For just \$7 you can provide all of the items requested for a school kit for one child. These prices will not last long so it's important to contribute now. For those who would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

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A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them so, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.' This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: 'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!' When you are DOWN to nothing....God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment.

## Free Community Event



**Worship &  
Community Picnic  
Moon Lake Park,  
Iron River  
Sunday, August 23**

**Worship at 10:00  
Picnic 11:00**

**Sponsored by  
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# PUZZLE

## Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and — for many people — time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a  around words describing God's actions. Draw an  around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,  
 who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,  
 who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

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 e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L  
 a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y



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Answer: The LORD Almighty

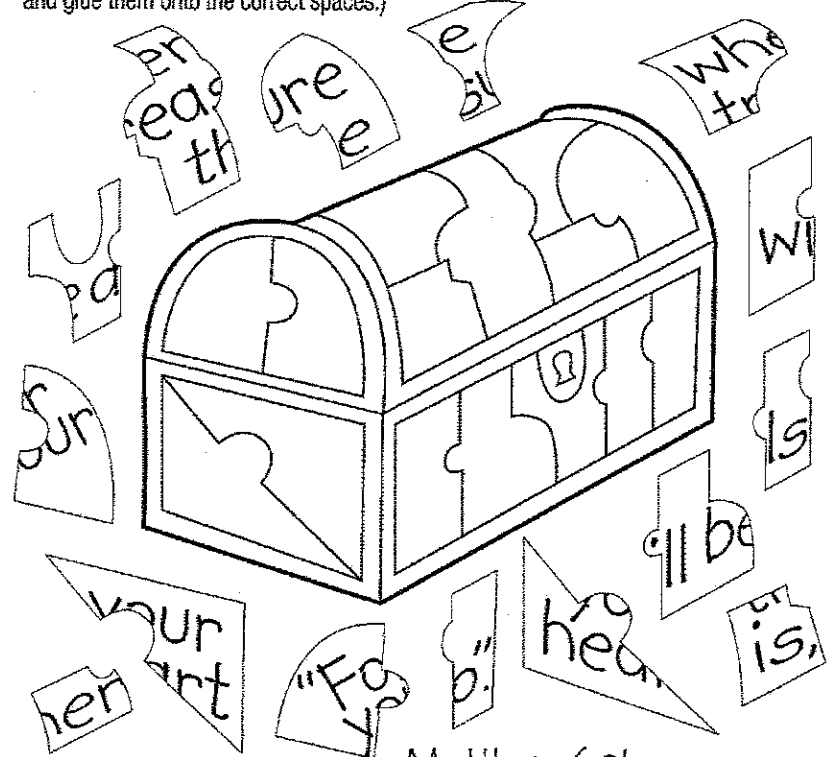


# PUZZLE

## TRUE TREASURE

The Bible speaks often of "treasure" — where we can find it, who gives it and who can have it.

Directions: Match the puzzle pieces to the correct shape. Then write the letters to learn what Matthew 6:21 (NIV) says about treasure. (Younger children can cut out the shapes and glue them onto the correct spaces.)



Matthew 6:21, NIV

Answer: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21, NIV)