

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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October

2015

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Council Minutes – September 9, 2015

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

Meeting was called to order by President Howard Lehman at 5:00 pm. Howard led us in prayer and then we were joined by Greg Kaufmann from the synod. Greg began our discussion with the question, "Where do we (Our Savior's Lutheran) go from here? Attendance as well as financial support was studied and discussed. Can we afford a full time pastor? What would a part time pastor look like? Would we be able to share a pastor from a neighboring congregation? How soon do we need to make these decisions? Is there a possible interim out there? How do we find more supply pastors? All of these questions and more were discussed and ideas presented. Greg Kaufmann will begin work with these ideas at the synod level and Howie will be notified as soon as meetings can be arranged. We will call a congregational meeting in October to present possible strategies and to get much needed feedback from the congregation. Rev. Kaufmann left after reassuring us that the synod wants to help Our Savior's through these transition times.

Secretary's report was reviewed. Motion by Peg and seconded by Tammy to approve minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was presented by Peg. Giving and attendance has remained the same. The discretionary fund was discussed. A motion was made by Nan and seconded by Kathy to take \$250 from the Fig Leaf monies and put in the discretionary fund. Motion approved. We were also asked by the Evangelism committee if we could provide the funds to purchase the paint to be used on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday for one of the projects on Sept 13. A motion was made by Peg and seconded by Tammy to move \$150 from the Fig Leaf monies into a fund for God's Work, Our Hands. A motion was made by Nan and second by Tammy to approve the treasure's report and it will be filed for audit.

President's report

~ Congregational meeting will be in October. Date to be determined, as soon as Howie hears from the synod.

~ Harvest Fest is October 14. The meal price will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, under 5 will be free. We will get the meat from Jim and Kathy will put sign-ups for food donations and workers. Kathy will discuss the fest at WELCA and see if the ladies can help with donations and food prep. WELCA will NOT be in charge, but their expertise on meal preps will be greatly appreciated. Howie and Kathy will be the leads for this year's dinner.

~ Parsonage has been cleaned and looks good. Discussion as to whether we can rent the house if we do not have a pastor that needs it in the near future. Peg will check with Doug on this possibility, but it may affect our tax exempt status. Info to come.

Committee Reports

- Education Committee – Kids will be invited to come on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday to help and also to have a brief meeting.
- Finance/Stewardship/Memorial – No report
- Food Shelf Committee – No report.
- Mutual Ministry –No report
- Outreach & Evangelism – Community Thanksgiving dinner is being organized again this year.
- Property Committee – A sign up for helpers to seal the parking lot is on the bulletin board.
- Worship Committee – God's Work our Hands Sunday will have three projects. A meal will be provided – no pot luck. Peg has received a \$250 Visa from Thrivent for this purpose. We will order chicken and have sides and dessert along with drinks. Peg and Kathy will work to get the food ordered.
- Executive Committee –No report.

Motion made by Peg and seconded by Tammy or approve the committee reports. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

~ Shut-In Visitations –When teams or individuals visit and commune shut-ins, please get that info and dates to Evelyn for recording.

~ We will not change the door code at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

~ Air conditioner in the sanctuary is not broken. The electrical wiring needs to be changed. Doug and Ted will work on this problem. Tammy will also ask Ted to look at the plug in the kitchen by the sink that is not working. We will need this repaired before Fall Fest.

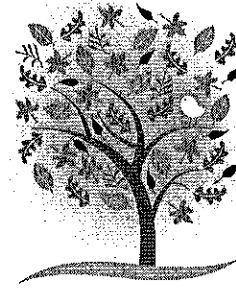
~ Bridgebuilders – Howie will talk to Dick Rewalt to discuss where we go from here.

Motion made by Peg and seconded by Tammy to adjourn. We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7 @ 5:15 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Rewalt, Secretary

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



The Beauty of Growing Old

“How beautifully leaves grow old,” wrote 19th-century essayist John Burroughs. “How full of light and color are their last days.”

Society doesn't think highly of old age. Beauty products tout the supposed virtues of maintaining a youthful appearance. Older adults' wisdom, born of much life experience, is often disparaged, ignored or not sought. But God says this about the righteous, whose lives are rooted in him: “In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is upright” (Psalm 92:14-15, NRSV).

The aging leaves of autumn can prompt us to look for beauty in the seniors among us, to notice the light and color that still abound. From all the fruit they still produce – service, prayer, love – may we learn about living faithfully until our own last days.

—Heidi Mann

A Note from Pastor Tom

Dear friends and faithful at Our Saviors:

I write to express my thanks to you for letting me lead worship with you these past few weeks. You have been most kind and supportive and I feel good about our time together struggling for faith. I look forward to occasional times with you in the future. I keep you in my prayers as you search for a new Pastor.

Give 'um Heaven,
Pastor Tom

THANKSGIVING! Our Savior's is once again contributing Stuffing for the Food Shelf Thanksgiving bags which will be given out November 19th. We need 75 boxes/bags of stuffing. We will have a box out in the Narthex for your generous donation. Thanks!

Put It On Your Calendar- The Christmas Cantata will be at 2:00pm on December 12th at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Practice starts on Wednesday, October 7th from 1:00-3:00 here at OSLC.

Pampered Chef Party- St. Michael Alter and Rosary is sponsoring a Pampered Chef Party on Wednesday, September 30th at 1:00 at St. Michael's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE:



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

Annual Fall Fest



**Wednesday,
October 14, 2015**

It's Fall Fest Time Again!! Our delicious beef and pork dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 14. Along with being able to eat the best meal deal in town, we can use your help and donations. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please check them out and sign up for what you do best. Thanks for supporting next year's VBS and Northlakes Community Clinic (our recipients this year from the dinner proceeds).



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 4

Chris & Alice Sand
Mark & Melinda Santikko
John Schrock &
Mary Berube

October 11

Desi & Tammy Sipsas
Wayne & Lynette Smith
Greg & Kathleen
Skoraczewski

October 18

John & Doreen Swanson
Tricia & Jerry Talso
Ken & Lois Tanula

October 25

Sherry Tanula
Dianna Teppo
Sue Thibedeau

Volunteer Schedule October 2015

| Date | Coffee | Lector |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| October C 4 | K & L Watters w/ Carrie DeRosia | John Joseph |
| October 11 | Doug & Nancy Thyberg | Rozie Maki |
| October 18 | Dick & Evie Berge | Tammy Sipsas |
| October 25 | Mark & Himma Santikko | Dick Rewalt |

| Monthly |
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| Ushers: Laurel LaBelle & Karen Wicklund |
| Greeters: Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel |
| Altar Guild: Linda Hultman & Debbie Landgreen |



BIRTHDAYS this month

Terry Johnson - 3rd
Scott Hipsher - 6th
Shayden Bradley - 8th
Jim DeRosia - 12th
Tim Landgreen - 19th
Jennifer Forsythe - 22nd
Luke Drougas - 24th
Jerry Talso - 31st

Ken Rantala - 5th
Dennis Vetter - 7th
Eileen Bentzen - 11th
Donna Callahan - 14th
Judy Pohjonen - 21st
Rodney Lahti - 24th
Desarae Sipsas - 28th

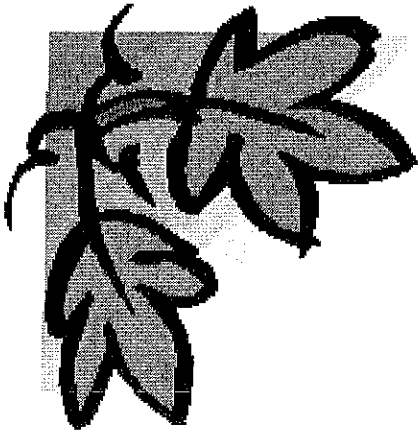


Jack & Cheri Erickson - 8th
Amy and Jens Gregerson - 10th
Keith & Sherry Tanula - 20th
Bruce and Judy Pohjonen - 25th
Lynette and Keith Kesler - 26th

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| | | | | 1 Secretary leaving early 6:30 Choir | 2 Secretary leaving early | 3 12:00 Yoga |
| 4 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Cereal | 5 9:00-3:00 Community Quilters 7:00 Al-Anon | 6 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 1:00 BINGO @ Willow Manor 5:30 Yoga | 7 9:30 Bible Study 1:00-3:00 Cantata Practice starts 5:30 Council | 8 6:30 Choir | 9 | 10 12:00 Yoga |
| 11 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Dish Soap | 12 9:00-3:00 Community Quilters 7:00 Al-Anon | 13 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga | 14 9:30 Bible Study 1:00-3:00 Cantata Practice 4:30-7:00 Annual Fall Fest Dinner | 15 6:30 Choir | 16 | 17 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga |
| 18 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Canned Soup | 19 Newsletter Deadline 9:00-3:00 Community Quilters 7:00 Al-Anon | 20 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga | 21 9:30 Bible Study 1:00-3:00 Cantata Practice | 22 5:00 WELCA 6:30 Choir | 23 | 24 12:00 Yoga |
| 25 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Kleenex | 26 9:00-3:00 Community Quilters 7:00 Al-Anon | 27 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga | 28 9:30 Bible Study 1:00-3:00 Cantata Practice | 29 10:30 Food Shelf Produce Distribution 6:30 Choir | 30 | 31 12:00 Yoga |



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Roast Beef & Pork Dinner

Take-outs available

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Adults - \$10.00

Children 6-12 years - \$5.00

Children 5 and under – free

Proceeds will be divided equally between
Our Savior's VBS 2016 and North Lakes
Community Clinic.
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