

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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### Our Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it...

Dad

- Author Unknown

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes – May 9, 2016

Present: Peg Hipsher, Howard Lehman, Kathy Rewalt, Nan Olson, Tammy Sipsas, Cindy Knapp, Lynette Kesler  
Pastor John Peterson-Excused, Finance: Doug Thyberg, Guest: Dick Rewalt

Meeting was called to order by President Howard Lehman at 5:00 pm.

Secretary's report was reviewed. Typo correction noted and will be changed. Motion by Lynette and seconded by Nan to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented by Peg and Doug. We reviewed all funds and report that will be given at the annual meeting. Motion made by Nan and seconded by Cindy to approve the treasurer's report and the budget for the annual meeting. Motion carried. It will be filed for audit.

The office computer was discussed. We have had IT support in and we need to purchase a new computer for Evelyn. Peg said the new computer will cost approximately \$400 with an additional \$120 for install and file transfers. We will wait to see if we need a new monitor, and we are also looking at the copier lease and office printer to see if it is compatible with the new computer. Motion made by Cindy and seconded by Nan to approve the computer expense. Motion carried.

#### President's report

- Our bridge pastor will be Terry Stratton. He will begin on May 29. Howie is working out hours per week and what days he will be here each week. Financial info will be sent to the synod for a contract to be completed. As with Pastor John, he will only be a part time pastor with limited hours each week.
- Pastor John will not be on any church salary while he is in China this summer. We will do a Letter of Intent for Pastor John starting on Sunday, September 11, 2016. Another contract will need to be drawn up and signed thru the synod for additional interim time with Our Savior's.
- Council would like to give a gift to Pastor John to use during his trip to China. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Nan to give Pastor \$2,000 from the general fund. Motion carried. Other donations have also been given to pastor and will be presented to him on May 22.

#### Pastor's Report

#### Committee Reports

- Education Committee – End of Year party for Sunday School and Confirmation youth on May 15.
- Finance/Stewardship/Memorial - No report
- Food Shelf Committee – No report
- Mutual Ministry – No report
- Outreach & Evangelism – Community Garden plot is being developed.
- Property/Landscaping Committee – Furnace and air conditioning working.
- Worship Committee –
- Executive Committee – Evaluation will be done on Evelyn by Pastor and Howie

Motion made by Lynette and seconded by Tammy to approve the committee reports.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- We need two more council positions filled for next year. Howie will call on possible candidates.
- Synod assembly will be attended by Howie and Pastor John on May 21.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Howie would like to have an alternative worship service in addition to our regular Sunday service a few times this summer. We will look at Wednesday evenings for this service, a different venue from the church, music more contemporary and service more welcoming to younger families and youth. Details to be worked out soon.
- A request was made by the Lions Club for a monetary donation toward their new playground equipment. A motion was made by Peg and seconded Cindy to give \$1,000 from the Fig Leaf money. Motion carried.
- Discussed the idea of having a Volunteer Coordinator. We need someone to coordinate and communicate the 5 Care Teams. More discussion and ideas are needed.
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Tammy made a motion, seconded by Kathy, to adjourn the meeting. We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 8 at 5:15 pm. New council members will begin.

June devotions and communion assistant: Howie Lehman

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Rewalt, Secretary

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
May 15, 2016

The annual meeting was held immediately following worship service. A quorum was established with 68 voting members present. The meeting was called to order by President, Howard Lehman at 10:05 am.

Pastor John Peterson opened with prayer.

The minutes from the May 17, 2015 annual meeting were reviewed. Linda Hultman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jane Jensen. Motion carried.

The financial report and budget were presented by Peg Hipsher and Doug Thyberg. A comparison was made between last year at this time and our present situation. We are much better financially this year with all bills paid and money in the checking account. A thank you to all our members who pledged this year. The percent of returned pledges was much improved over previous years. Such a help to our finance committee when they are planning our budget. Also, thanks was given to snowbirds for their continued support while they were gone this past winter. A brief discussion was held concerning building up some reserve for the possible hiring of a new pastor and for that persons expenses if they come to interview.

With no more discussion of the budget, a motion was made by Ted Callahan and seconded by Rozie Maki to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Two members will be going off council this year. Lynette Kesler and Tammy Sipsas were thanked for their service. Cindy Knapp will run for another term and Rick Forsythe and Mark Santikko have agreed to be put on the ballot. Ted Callahan made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Jane Jensen. Motion carried. Lynette Kesler made a motion to approve all three nominee unanimously, seconded by Karlan Williams. Motion carried. Cindy, Rick and Mark will each serve a three year term. Thank you for volunteering.

Information given on our Bridge Pastor, Terry Stratton. He will be with us from May 31<sup>st</sup> thru September 4<sup>th</sup>. He will come for Sunday service and one and a half days per week. We are still confirming which days will work for him. He will stay at the parsonage when he is here during the week. A bio will be included in the next newsletter and his schedule will also be published. Pastor John Peterson will be back with us in September when he gets back from China. We will, at that time, be entering into a second contract with him.

Howard gave us a brief review of what is happening with the conversations with Peace and Hope Lutheran churches. At this time we are just in the talking phase. We have met twice with them and we will meet again this summer. No decisions are being made but we are planning to have both pastors from Peace and Hope join us for one Sunday each this summer. As we are looking to our future, Howard asked everyone to pray for the congregations.

A motion was made by John Joseph to approve the committee reports in the annual report. Motion was seconded by Terry Welty. Motion carried.

Howard led us in closing prayer.

Motion made by Doug Thyberg and seconded by Dick Rewalt to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Rewalt, Council Secretary

**Ushers and Greeters-** The volunteer list for the Ushers and Greeters has been set up 6 months in advance so that you have time to switch months with those listed here or find other replacements . The list will also be posted on the bulletin board. If you are unable to help during the time you have been assigned, please find your own replacement and let the church secretary know of the changes as soon as possible.

**Greeters**

July~ Lori Anderson & Laurel LaBelle  
August~ Ted & Donna Callahan  
September~ Merv & Rozie Maki  
October~ Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel  
November~ Nan & Jim Olson  
December~Karen Wicklund & Judy  
Pohjonen

**Ushers**

July~ Dick & Kathy Rewalt  
August~ ~~Ken & Linda Watters~~  
September~ Nan & Jim Olson  
October~ Ted & Donna Callahan  
November~ Reen Modeen & Laurel L.  
December~ Doug & Nancy Thyberg

The following people have volunteered to be greeters this year:

Ted & Donna Callahan, Kent Getty & Jane Bragiel, Laurel LaBelle, Merv & Rozie Maki, Dick & Kathy Rewalt, Mark & Melinda Santikko, Ken & Linda Watters, Bonnie Rantala, John Johnson, Wayne & Lynette Smith, Doug & Nancy Thyberg, Shirley Saker, Eileen Bentzen, Reen Modeen & family, Judy Pohjonen, Fred Baue, Lori & Emalee Anderson and Karen Wicklund.

The following people have volunteered to be ushers this year:

Ted & Donna Callahan, Laurel LaBelle, Merv & Rozie Maki, Dick & Kathy Rewalt, Mark & Melinda Santikko, Wayne & Lynette Smith, Doug & Nancy Thyberg, Ken & Linda Watters, , Eileen Bentzen, Reen Modeen & family and Karen Wicklund.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING.**

**IT IS A LARGE COMMITMENT AND WE ARE GREATFUL FOR YOU.**



Bio for Pastor Terrance L. Stratton (Terry)

Wife; Judy Ziegler Stratton, (Married 1973) Three sons; Laurence, Aaron, Nathan, 4 grandchildren; ages: 18 months (Finn), two years (Isabella), 5 years (William), and 9 years (Ava)

High School, Bloomington High, Bloomington MN. (1963)  
College, Augsburg MPLS MN (1968, BA)  
Seminary, Northwestern Lutheran St. Paul MN. (1973 MDiv)  
Luther/Northwestern (1991 DMin)

Parishes: Cushing and Pillager MN 1973-1977, Balsam Lutheran Amery WI 1977-1985, Zion Lutheran Superior WI, 1985-2000, Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers 2000-2005, Faith Lutheran Hoyt Lakes MN 2004- 2008

Served as a chaplain in the Wisconsin National Guard and Army Reserve from 1980-2005. Retired rank 06 (Col.)

Since retirement has served in numerous interim and parish support situations (pretty much something each summer since 2008). The last full time interim was at Peace Lutheran Poplar Mn. Nov. 2013-July 2014. Last Summer as bridge Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Minong.

Residence is at Trego WI on the beautiful Namakagon River.

Hobbies: reading, genealogy, gardening, and grandchildren  
Winter months are spent in Punta Groda FL

**Pastor Stratton's Contact Information-**

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**Pastor Stratton's Schedule**

Wednesdays- 1/2 day in the afternoon. (2:00pm)  
Thursdays- All Day  
Sundays- 1/2 day in the morning  
Other times as needed

**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)

**Theme Baskets for Luther Park-** WELCA will be collecting items for three gift baskets to be given to Luther Park for their auction this summer. The themes this year are Kitchen, Blueberry, and Beach/Picnic/Grilling. If you are able to contribute items, the baskets are on the table in the fellowship area. Thank you for supporting Luther Park Camp.

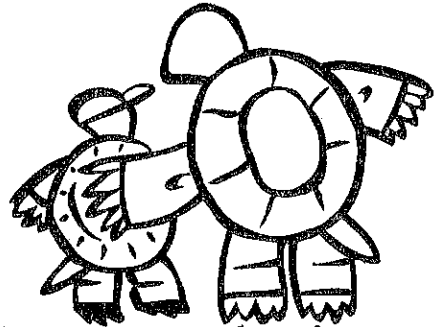
**Golf against Cancer-** Four Person Scramble. Sunday, June 12. Noon registration at Northern Pines Golf Course. See poster for more details.



Look for the new Greeter and Usher schedule in this month's newsletter.



**Let's Plan Ahead-**"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday will be September 11<sup>th</sup>. We know it seems like a long time away but the Evangelism Committee needs everyone to help us plan for that day. We are hoping we can all work on some big project. We just need to know what that will be. Please send all your ideas the Evangelism committee or send them to Evelyn and she will pass it on.



Happy Father's Day



# Volunteer Schedule June 2016

## 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.

### June 5

Jerry & Tricia Talso  
Sherry Tanula  
Dianna Teppo

### June 12

Sue Thibedeau  
Doug & Nancy Thyberg  
Tom & Donna Trautt

### June 19

Jeanette & Dennis Vetter  
Diane Walsh  
Ken & Linda Watters

### June 26

Terry & Shirley Welty  
Karen Wicklund  
Rich & Andrea Wiitala

Date	Coffee	Lector
June 5	Dick & Evie Berge	Cindy Knapp
June 12	Reen Modeen & Bonnie Rantala	Karlan Williams
June 19	Ted & Donna Callahan	Donna Kramolis
June 26	John & Jeanne Joseph	Lynette Smith



## BIRTHDAYS this month

Carolyn Johnson—1<sup>st</sup>  
Kevin Kinnon—2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jennifer Anderson—7<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Collins—14<sup>th</sup>  
Doreen Swanson—15<sup>th</sup>  
Mark Santikko—18<sup>th</sup>  
Rich Wiitala—18<sup>th</sup>

Lucy Drougas—22<sup>nd</sup>  
Kent Getty—23<sup>rd</sup>  
Jerry Peck—23<sup>rd</sup>  
Gavin Williams—23<sup>rd</sup>  
Jordan Talso—29<sup>th</sup>  
Wesley Lindquist—29<sup>th</sup>

Monthly
<b>Ushers:</b> Doug & Nancy Thyberg
<b>Greeters:</b> Wayne & Lynette Smith
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Dianna Teppo



Doug and Nancy Thyberg—4<sup>th</sup>  
Howard & Patty Lehman—6<sup>th</sup>  
Rodney & MaryAnn Lahti—14<sup>th</sup>  
Carole & Harold Danula—17<sup>th</sup>  
Dick & Evie Berge—21<sup>st</sup>  
John & Jeanne Joseph—23<sup>rd</sup>  
Mary Berube & John Schrock—30<sup>th</sup>



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## June 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 Bible Study	2 Choir	3	4 12:00 Yoga
5 <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  Food Shelf Item — Cereal	6 9:00 Cleaning of Kitchen 5:00 Worship Planning Committee Meeting 7:00 Al-Anon	7 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	8 9:30 Bible Study  1:00 BINGO @ Willow Manor 5:15 Council	9 Choir	10	11 12:00 Yoga
12 <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  Food Shelf Item — Macaroni & Cheese	13 7:00 Al-Anon	14 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	15 9:30 Bible Study	16 WELCA	17	18 <b>Food Shelf 9:00-11:00</b>  12:00 Yoga
19 <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> Father's Day  Food Shelf Item — Cans of Soup	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 7:00 Al-Anon	21 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	22 9:30 Bible Study	23 Produce Distribution	24	25 12:00 Yoga
26 <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  Food Shelf Item — Pork 'n beans	27 7:00 Al-Anon	28 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	29 9:30 Bible Study	30		