

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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**Celebrate**  
**THE**  
**FOURTH**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes – June 8, 2016

Present: Peg Hipsher, Howard Lehman, Kathy Rewalt, Cindy Knapp, Mark Santikko, Rick Forsythe, Nan Olson Ex.  
Finance: Doug Thyberg

Meeting was called to order by President Howard Lehman at 5:15 pm. Opening devotions by Howie.

Secretary's report was reviewed. Motion by Cindy and seconded by Peg to approve the May minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented by Peg and Doug. With the new computer being installed, we discovered that the Carbonite back up for financials has not worked for the past 18 months. We will purchase two external hard drives to do our own in-house backups as well as the Carbonite backups. Doug and Peg will work to get all this information reentered and will have our financial report for next month. At present we have a balance of \$15,000 with one more check to be sent to Pastor John. It is time to renew our copier lease and we will get an estimate from Tri State and HSI. A motion made by Rick and seconded by Kathy to approve these purchases and approved the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

#### President's report

- Welcome to our new council members, Rick and Mark.
- Our new officers for this year are:  
President-Howard Lehman, V President-Cindy Knapp, Secretary-Kathy Rewalt, Treasurer-Peg Hipsher  
All officers were approved by council. Note: Due to the tremendous need of our congregation for consistency in the pastoral situation at this time, a motion was made by Rick and seconded by Cindy that we keep Howard in his capacity as council president. Motion carried.
- All members were given a copy of "Tips for volunteers dealing with complaints in ministry." Pastor John suggested that we review this help from synod Walking Together event.
- Doug and Lynette will meet with Peace Lutheran of Poplar next week and discuss with their council about the three way sharing of our congregations. This discussion is on going.
- Synod has presented another possibility for OSLC for pastoral coverage called TEEM. John Sutherland and Greg Kaufmann of the synod will talk to members of the council and other leaders on June 29 about this possibility. An info meeting will be set up for the congregation in a couple of weeks to explain this option after the meeting with synod.
- Pastor Stratton will work 20 hours per week. He will preach 3 Sundays per month and be here on Wed afternoon thru Thursday evening. He will stay at the parsonage during his time in Iron River.

#### Pastor's Report

#### Committee Reports

- Education (Cindy) – SS had great end of year party. VBS counselors will stay at the parsonage their week in July.
- Finance/Stewardship/Memorial (S-Cindy)-No report
- Mutual Ministry (Inactive)
- Outreach & Evangelism (Cindy) Garden is up and growing. 8 of 10 plots filled. Sister church in Malawi is tabled.
- Property/Landscaping (Mark) Kitchen refrigerator is fixed.
- Worship (Kathy) Report emailed
- Executive (Officers)

Motion made by Peg and seconded by Mark to approve the committee reports.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Howie will work with Pastor on a possible alternative worship service for Wednesday evenings during the summer. This option is still in the planning stages.

- Evelyn has agreed to be our Volunteer Coordinator for the Care Teams. She will add 4 more hours per week to her time at the church. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Mark, to approve the additional hours/expense.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Council members will be installed on Sunday, June 26.
- Funeral and cleaning policy need to be reviewed. Kathy will get a small group together to review and give suggestions.
- We would like to get a mini split air conditioner for the fellowship hall. Mark will get us 2 estimates. WELCA will be asked if they can help with the cost.

Cindy made a motion, seconded by Mark, to adjourn the meeting. We ended with the Lord's Prayer.


Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 13 at 5:15 pm.

July devotions and communion assistant: Cindy Knapp

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Rewalt, Secretary

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## July 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  12:00 Yoga
<b>3</b>  9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item — Cereal	<b>4</b>  Office Closed    7:00 Al-Anon	<b>5</b>  Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>6</b>  9:30 Bible Study  1:00 BINGO @ Willow Manor	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  12:00 Yoga
<b>10</b>  9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item — Macaroni & Cheese	<b>11</b>  5:00 Worship Planning Committee Meeting  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>12</b>  Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>13</b>  9:30 Bible Study  5:15 Council Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Food Shelf 9:00-11:00  12:00 Yoga
<b>17</b>  9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item — Cans of Soup	<b>18</b>  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>19</b>  Office Closed  9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>20</b>  9:30 Bible Study	<b>21</b>  WELCA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  12:00 Yoga
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<b>24</b>  9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item — Cans of Peas	<b>25</b>  Newsletter Deadline  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>26</b>  Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	<b>27</b>  9:30 Bible Study	<b>28</b>  Produce Distribution	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  12:00 Yoga
<b>31</b>  9:00 a.m. Worship  Food Shelf Item — Cans of Fruit						



# Volunteer Schedule July 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.

### July 3

Kari Williams  
Karlán Williams  
Kamie Wiss

### July 10

Jim & Julie Anderson  
Loir Anderson  
Nancy Anderson

### July 17

Janelle Armbruster  
Fred Baue  
Eileen Bentzen

### July 24

Dick & Evie Berge  
Robert Bowker  
Tom & Karen Boggess

### July 31

Dan & Nancy Bourassa  
Sam & Katie Bradley  
Chuck & Betty Buran

Date	Coffee	Lector
July 3	Sandy Rau & John Johnson	Linda Hultman
July 10	Cindy Knapp & Karen Wicklund	John Joseph
July 17	John Schrock & Mary Berube	John Schrock
July 24	Tammy Sipsas & Sue Thibedeau	Eileen Bentzen
July 31	John & Jeanne Joseph	Linda Pepping



## BIRTHDAYS this month

Linda Watters - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
David Christensen - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Alex Hendricks - 11<sup>th</sup>  
Bruce Pohjonen - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Shelly Olson - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Jolene Anderson - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Rose DeGraef - 28<sup>th</sup>  
Julia Collins - 29<sup>th</sup>

Doug Thyberg - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Olivia Mieritz - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tricia Talso - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Danielle Raunio - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Austin Danula - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Dale Carlson - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Sawyer Bradley - 24<sup>th</sup>  
Shirley Saker - 29<sup>th</sup>

Monthly
<b>Ushers:</b> Dick & Kathy Rewalt
<b>Greeters:</b> Lori Anderson & Laurel LaBelle
<b>Altar Guild:</b>



Dave and Linda Hultman - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Peggy and Scott Hipsher - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Desi & Tammy Sipsas - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mark and Melinda Santikko - 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Pastor Stratton's Contact Information-**

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### **Pastor Stratton's Schedule**

Wednesdays- ½ day in the afternoon. (2:00pm)  
Thursdays- All Day  
Sundays- ½ 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.

**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.



Laurel LaBelle, Margy Kesler, Gary Victorson, Anita Skuetevik, Nan Olson, Andrea Wiitala, Earl Carignan, and Marlene Parkhurst, Jenae Albrecht, a little girl named Parker.

### **This recipe was served at the June 16 WELCA meeting**

Rhubarb Cream Dessert

Crust

1 1/2 C. flour  
1/2 C. chopped pecans  
1/2 c. butter  
2 T. sugar

use a food processor to chop all of this together. Press into a greased 9X13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 18-20 minuets until golden brown. Cool

Rhubarb Layer

5 C. chopped Rhubarb  
2 T. water

Place in a saucepan and cook till tender.

! c. packed brown sugar

3 t. corn starch

Mix and add to the cooked rhubarb and bring to a boil. Cool

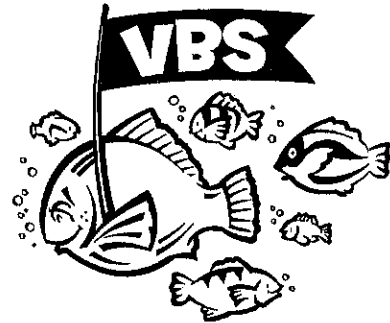
Cream Layer (put this on the crust before the rhubarb)

1 8oz. package of cream cheese, softened

1 C. confectioners sugar

1 8oz. cool whip

Beat the cream cheese and powdered sugar until it is smooth. Fold in the cool whip. Using a spoon put dabs of this mixture on the crust all over, then smooth it out with a knife. Then pour the cooled rhubarb over the cream cheese layer. Top with additional cool whip.



### **Vacation Bible School-**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 18-22, 2016

9:00am-2:30pm

Article for July newsletter

### **What's New at Luther Park?**

On Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Luther Park Board of Directors hosted a welcome picnic for the summer staff – this year there are 36. Pastors Brad and Bert, our grill masters, grilled brats with all the fixins', plus, we provided delicious salads, chips, and desserts. After dining, the summer staff concluded the evening with a very uplifting worship service. What a wonderful group of talented young people from the United States and around the world!

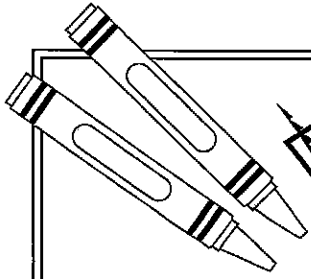
Summer camp officially began with the arrival of the first campers on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. New friends, a deeper faith, and new memories are being made each week. As of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 930 campers are registered for this summer!

**Saturday, August 13 beginning at 10 a.m.:** Plans for **Heart for Luther Park**, our one big fundraiser for the year, include viewing beautiful quilts inside the Chapel, and, depending on the weather, auctioning those quilts outside this year. Our auctioneer is former Bishop Bob Berg. Silent auction items will still be displayed in the Fireside Room of the Chapel. Donations of quilts and silent auction items are welcome. Dinner will be available for purchase beginning at 11 a.m. This year the menu includes grilled chicken, potato salad, baked beans, dinner roll, pickles and a beverage. Pie and ice cream will also be available for purchase. Kids' Day Camp for children in attendance is available for \$15 and includes lunch, swimming, crafts and FUN!

New this year: Raffle tickets for: 1) Courtyard Steps Quilt valued at \$1,000; 2) Two Registrations for 2017 Summer Camp valued at \$750; 3) Chain Saw Carved Bear valued at \$500. Plus, Dave Dobbs is offering a separate raffle the day of the event for a Brick-Oven Pizza Party (within a 40 mile radius) valued at \$750. A 2<sup>nd</sup> day raffle is for a kayak with paddle. All Drawings will take place beginning at 3 p.m. during the Heart for Luther Park event. **Please plan to attend to support the ministry at Luther Park!**

*Thank you to ALL who work at Luther Park and to those who attend camp. We thank you for your support and appreciate your continued prayers.*

*Kay Moen-Urseth  
Member of the Board of Directors*

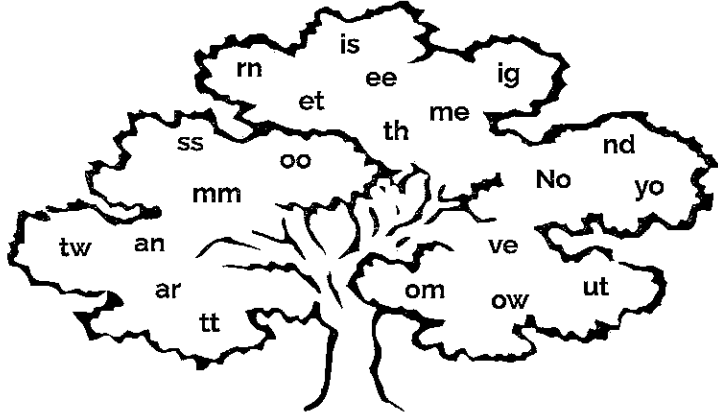


# PUZZLE

## Signs of Summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

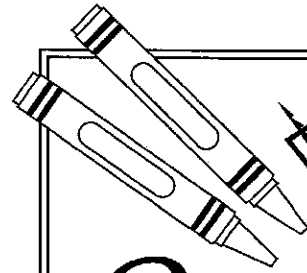
Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.



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Ma \_\_\_ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."  
 Matthew 24:32, NIV

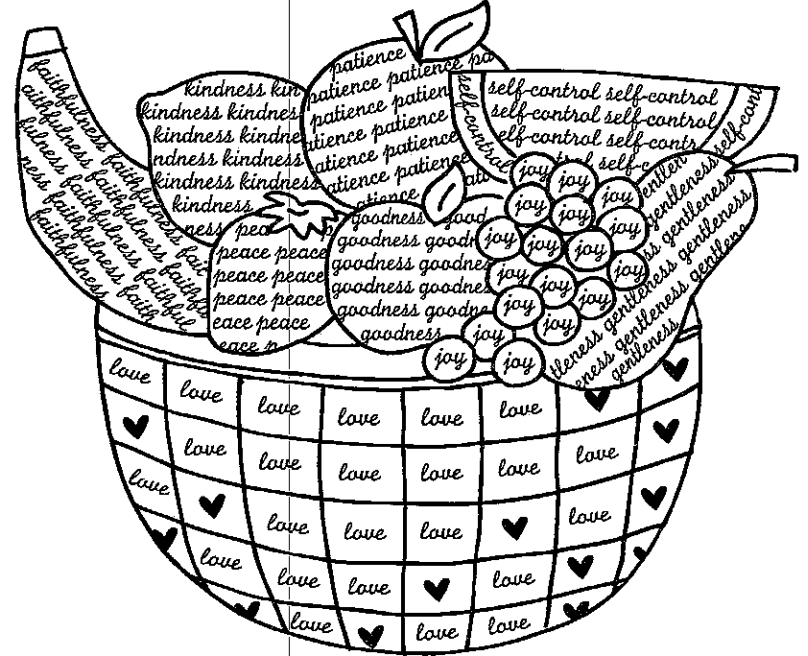


# PUZZLE

## Seasonal Fruit

Although some fruit is seasonal, God encourages us to share the fruit of the Spirit with other people all year long. Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruits we should give away.

Directions: Count each fruit (full words only) and write the numbers below.



Love= \_\_\_ Joy= \_\_\_ Peace= \_\_\_ Patience= \_\_\_ Kindness= \_\_\_  
 Goodness= \_\_\_ Faithfulness= \_\_\_ Gentleness= \_\_\_ Self-control= \_\_\_

Answers: Love=24, Joy=18, Peace=7, Patience=7, Kindness=7, Goodness=6, Faithfulness=6, Gentleness=6, Self-control=5