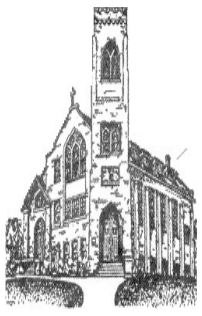


February 2024



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI



Sam's Report

Greetings to you all,

We are already well into our New Year, does not seem possible to me but as we age, time seems to pass faster, body moves slower!

We soon will be moving into Lent. February 14 will be a double special day this year because it is also Ash Wednesday. We will be celebrating with a service at 5:45 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran and if you cannot make that one, 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran. That will be our Lent worship time schedule for each Wednesday night during Lent.

I will be participating in a Round Robin worship schedule with a few other Pastor's and SAMs. I will only be worshiping with you on Ash Wednesday then out and about visiting five other churches or Parishes. I look forward to meeting others, and also for you to be able to meet other Worship Leaders. This year's theme is Ancient Triodia which is comprised of these topics to be talked about each week. The Holy Prophets; The Good Samaritan; Publican and Pharisee; The Prodigal Son; The Rich Man and Lazarus.

All of this is of course leading us up to Holy Week and we have to decide on worship schedule yet for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and I am thinking we will not change Sunday morning times for Easter Sunday. If there are traditions for Holy Week that I am not aware of, please let me know so I can honor them.

Since we are mostly reading Gospel of Mark this year the reading for that day will be Mark 16:1-8 if you are a person who likes to read ahead. We know the story well, however, each year brings about a bit of a change in our lives so the meaning of Christ being raised from the dead, may bring out different meaningful feelings as we worship together with our Christian siblings. Easter is a day to bring out our best outfits and be proud of them as we enter the sanctuary to honor God with our presence. Many of you have traditions around the Easter Holiday. May involve hunting eggs, eating a wonderful meal with family, going to Grandpa and Grandma's house for the afternoon and evening, playing games with aunts, uncles, cousins, parents, grandparents, or friends. Whatever you do, have a wonderful time and please make sure we think of the true reason for Easter Sunday. Jesus was raised up on the Cross, suffered and died for our sins, and defeated death by coming back to life as was God's plan.

Isaiah 25:7-8 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all the nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

Have a wonderful February everyone,

God Bless you all.

Scott W. Brown, SAM



Our Saviour's Members in Nursing Homes



Pigeon Falls Nursing Care Center-P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760

Jeanette Gilbertson, Marian Miller & Ann Torrason

Assisted Living- Pigeon Falls - P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760

Richard Eide

Sunrise Manor - 36024 Park Street - Whitehall - 54773

Clinton Larson

Trempealeau County Health Care Center-W20410 WI #121--Whitehall - 54773

James Windjue

Grandview Nursing Home - 620 Grandview Avenue - Blair - 54616

Marilyn Speestra, Mavis Mitskogen & Donna Oates

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

*Mary Harnisch-Johnson

*Arline Stuve

*Mavis Olson

*Dawn Coburn

*Mary Lou Beck

*Lisa James



In Christian Sympathy

We pray for the family and friends who have lost loved ones especially ~

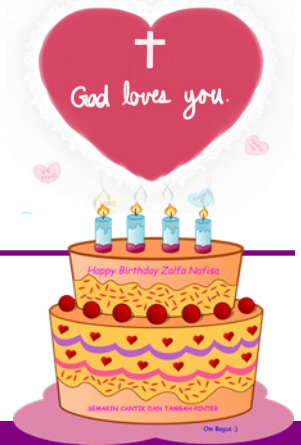
*** Galen Qualley—January 2, 2024**

*** Jean Briggs—February 1, 2024**

*** Ardell Torud—February 2, 2024**

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February Birthdays



- 2 - Julie Johnson
- 3 - Christopher Demulling, Easton Moats, Jane Olson, Scotrene Ryan, Joseph Sygulla
- 4 - Darcy Goplin, Emerson Pronschinske
- 7 - Tracy Solberg
- 9 - Donna Lindberg, Adam Stendahl
- 10 - Nicole Carlson, Madison Wells
- 12 - Jamie Goplin
- 13 - Huxley Matchey, Halaynna Macharia, Seth Olson
- 16 - Jill Knudtson
- 17 - David Anderson, Daytona Hensley, Tiffany Hensley
- 18 - Darlene Baken, Wayne Harms, Abigail Olson, Scott Schmitt
- 19 - Olivia Schaefer, Richard Waldera
- 21 - Max Pientok
- 22 - Delores Coburn
- 25 - Shad Goplin, Cailyn Kniefel
- 26 - Paul Beck, Adam Kohnert
- 28 - Brennon Metzler, Jason Standish



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Lenten Round Robin schedule of Pastors and topics 2024

5:45 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church

February 21, 2024 Pastor Natalie Leske: **Home Churches:** Trinity Peace of Taylor/Upper Beaver Creek: **Sermon Topic:** The Holy Prophets; Penitence and Promise. **Readings;** Deuteronomy 18:18-22, Joel 2:27-28, Matt. 22:36-40.

February 28, 2024 Pastor Augie Hohl: **Home Churches:** Little Norway/Spirit Creek: **Sermon Topic:** The Good Samaritan; The Greatest Commandment. **Reading;** Luke 10:25-37

March 6, 2024 Pastor David Christianson: **Home Churches:** King's Valley/South Beef River/Upper Pigeon Creek: **Sermon Topic:** Publican and Pharisee; Humility and Mercy. **Reading;** Luke 18:9-14

March 13, 2024 Pastor Paul Tobiason: **Home Churches:** Immanuel Lutheran Church Strum/Elk Creek Lutheran Church: **Sermon Topic:** The Prodigal Son; Love and Grace. **Reading;** Luke 15:11-32

March 20, 2024 Pastor Terry Lorenz: **Home Church:** Osseo Evangelical Lutheran: **Sermon Topic:** The Rich Man and Lazarus; Listening; Rich, Poor, Life and Afterlife. **Reading;** Luke 16:19-31

Noisy Offering for February will go to Our Saviour's Improvement Fund. We never know when the furnace needs a fix or some other problem arises. Thank you for your generous giving.

The Noisy Offering collected in January came to \$279.17. This generous donation will go to the Middle East Crisis for humanitarian measures.

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

January 2, 2024

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Ellen Hauser, Kris Dubiel, Kay Nelson, Barb

Mathson, Jacob Paulson, and Lori Paulson.

Dave Anderson, council president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Preparation:

1. Opening Devotions: Meeting opened with devotions by Scott Brown
2. Prayer Requests/Homebound: Galen Qualley; Margaret Ausderau
3. Communication from Congregation: None

Communication/Action:

1. Secretary's Report: Kay Nelson made a motion to approve minutes of December 5, 2023, with a second by Kris

Dubiel. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report: Barb Mathson presented the following fund balances per December 2023 financial reports:

General Fund: \$81,671.80; On Going: \$12,097.64; Improvement: \$35,602.05. Lori Paulson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Marnie Anderson. Motion carried.

3. Ministry Teams Updates:

a) Life & Growth:

1. The ELCA Good Gifts tree will stay up until Sunday, January 7 th .
2. The quilting retreat has been scheduled for February 14, 15 & 16, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

b) Music & Worship:

1. \$370 from December Noisy Offering will be donated to the Star & Cross Fund.
2. A contract has been signed with a company that will service the organ at a cost of \$475.00 per year.

c) WELCA:

1. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6 th at Grace Lutheran.
2. The hat and mitten tree at church and the box at Ritter's Hardware gathered a good amount of donations.
3. The website vendor is continuing to charge fees to the WELCA credit card after several requests for them to stop. Kay Nelson will report this to the bank/card company.

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d) Lutheran Brotherhood: No report.

4. Sharing from SAM: Scott Brown reviewed the list of homebound congregation members: a couple of baptisms are coming up.

Celebration/Affirmation:

1. The next council meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

2. The annual meeting notice will be placed in the Messenger and on the website; Dave Anderson will announce it in church for two Sundays prior to the meeting.

Business Items:

1. The church website has not been kept up to date and some of the links do not work. Kris Dubiel has spent many hours working on it. Some of the forms used for baptisms, weddings, etc. are outdated as well. Kris provided copies of the forms for council review and asked the council to look at the website. More discussion will be held at the February council meeting.

2. Scott Brown has been looking into updating the old phone system. More discussion will be held at the February council meeting.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Kay Nelson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Kris Dubiel. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS Jan 1-Jan 31				
Disbursements:				
Administration	\$322.03			
Physical Plant	\$2114.05			
Salaries & Benefits	\$4013.05			
Benevolence	\$0.00			
Parish Expense	\$0.00			
Dues and Fees	\$0.00			
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00			
Total Disbursements =		\$6449.13		
Giving Receipts				
Simply Giving Total =	\$2855.00		General Fund Total =	\$5015.00
On-Going Total =	\$319.17		Improvement Fund - Total =	\$669.55
January 2024 Giving Grand Total =			\$8858.72	

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A huge thank you to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 7th after the church service. Many hands certainly made short work!

Special shout out to Kris Dubiel for taking the orders, purchasing the poinsettias and the beautiful arrangement of flowers and lights in our church this Christmas Season. Thank you!
Your creative efforts are very appreciated!





WELCA NEWS

WELCA Meeting

The W-ELCA will NOT meet during January, nor in February due to the cold weather. Watch for the announcement of the March 7th, 2024 meeting.

QUILTING RETREAT

We are having a Quilting Retreat February 14 th , 15th and 16 th , 8am to 5-6pm each day at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church basement Whitehall, Wisconsin.

Coffee and water will be furnished. Meals will be on your own (possibly delivered from some locations)

There are several eating places – Sweet Temptation, Sub-Way, Dani's Restaurant and Kwik Trip.

Please bring a cushion for the chairs. Show and Tell on Friday. 20 slots available.

The church is not responsible for any loss, damage or injury.

Call Nancy 608/864-0014 by February 7 th to reserve your place. The cost is \$30.00 for the 3 days.

Come and join us for a fun few days.

You're invited to Immanuel Lutheran's
Prayer Breakfast.

Where: Strum, WI

Date: March 13th, 2024 (2nd Wednesday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Michelle Rayburn

Topic: Grace for Life's Imperfect Moments.

RSVP by March 6th

Church 715-695-3511

Karen Franson 715-695-3553 or email

fransonkaren17@gmail.com

Join Michelle on an unforgettable journey as she shares her story of chasing the illusion of perfection. Heartwarming and humorous anecdotes of attempting to become June Cleaver and Martha Stewart rolled into one with a Better Homes & Garden house with model children.



February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u> Sunday Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Annual Meeting-10:30 am	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Quilters-8:30 to Noon Council—6:30 pm	<u>7</u> Bible Study 9:30am Confirmation Class - 2:45pm	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
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With All"**

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