

August 2023



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OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

Messenger

Psalm 121

A song of ascents.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
- ⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Sharing God's Love With All!





Our Saviour's Members in Nursing Homes



Pigeon Falls Nursing Care Center-P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760
Patricia Giebel, Jeanette Gilbertson, & Marian Miller

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

Sunrise Manor - 36024 Park Street - Whitehall - 54773
Clinton Larson & Ann Torrason

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

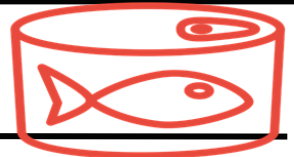
Grandview Nursing Home - 620 Grandview Avenue - Blair - 54616
Marilyn Speestra, Mavis Mitskogen & Donna Oates

Meadowbrook Care Center-1311 Tyler Street-Black River Falls - 54615
Fern Moe

The Classic - Eau Claire
Joanne (Selkurt) Martin



Food Pantry



The Whitehall Food Pantry is seeing a rise in families in need and is short on the following food stuffs:

*Mac & Cheese

*Tuna

*Pasta

Donations can be left in the narthex of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church or dropped off at the church office Tuesday mornings or Wednesday afternoon. Any and all donations are very appreciated by all those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless!



Church News

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Council Minutes – Special Meeting—July 5, 2023

Members Present: Dave Anderson, Marnie Anderson, Steve Lamberson, Kay Nelson, Barb Mathson, Kris Dubiel, Clarice Laehn and Lori Paulson. Dave Anderson, council president called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Since Dave Anderson called the special meeting to discuss the church office secretary position, Kay Nelson made a motion to dispense discussion and approval of the June minutes and treasurers report with a second by Steve Lamberson. Motion carried.

Barb Mathson and Kris Dubiel interviewed three candidates for the church office secretary position. One is no longer interested in the position. Of the other two candidates, Cheryl Daffinson is very knowledgeable as she is secretary for two other churches. She would be able to work two days a week, four hours each day. Barb Mathson made a motion to offer Cheryl Daffinson the position of church office secretary with a second by Kay Nelson. Motion carried. The Council thanks Barb and Kris for all their help.

Discussion was held regarding who will maintain the church website. More discussion will be at the next regular council meeting.

Marnie Anderson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Barb Mathson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary

Members in Service



Altar Guild: Kay Nelson, Sharon Pederson & Diane Carlson

Altar Flowers: Kay Nelson

Ushers: David & Marnie Anderson

We still have openings for Communion Distributors and Power Point Presenters. Now is the time to step forward and give these important ministry duties a try. Due to the Community Service held during Beef and Dairy Days, August is the month needing the fewest volunteer hours.





More Church News

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:



Mary Harnisch Johnson,
Dawn Coburn

Arline Stuve
Mary Lou Beck

Mavis Olson
Lisa James

If you would like **special prayers** said for yourself or loved one, please contact the church office at osluthwh@gmail.com

NOISY OFFERING:

Noisy Offering for August will be going to a family in the Whitehall area. The young couple with several small children was coming out of Randy's Market when the mother stopped to help a citizen with a leg injury. As she did she fell and hit her head on the curb. CPR was performed and the woman was transferred to Rocehster where she was in a coma and put on a ventilator to help with her breathing. The father works at Ashley Furniture and the mother stays home to care for the children. They do not have family in the area. Please consider donating to this family since they could truly use our help.



Dear Friends;

It is with a heavy heart, we must cancel Our Saviour's annual Harvest Dinner for 2023. After more years than most of us can count, our faithful chairperson took a well earned break from these duties. At this point in time we've not had anyone step forward to take on this herculean, but rewarding task. The delicious meal will be missed by many and we are hopeful for 2024!





More Church News



August Birthdays



- 1 - Oaklynn Stuhr
- 2 - Cody Bautch, Wallace Solberg
- 3 - Nicole Lyga
- 5 - Tara Harvie
- 6 - David Clatt, Kayla Vitse, James Windjue
- 7 - Allie Sylla
- 9 - Devin Klomsten
- 10 - JoAnne Foss
- 11 - Bennett Vitse
- 12 - Ryan Lindberg
- 13 - Laura Foss, Mary Johnson, Jeffrey Sygulla
- 14 - Andrew Granlund
- 15 - Dawn Coburn, Emelia Hanvold, Randy Harms
- 16 - Sharon Ivers, John Speerstra, Tim Toraason
- 17 - Melanie Sygulla, Rhianna Theisen, Helen Vold
- 18 - Cindy Herness, Kay Nelson, Thomas Windjue
- 19 - Jacob Ives, Lorraine Nehring, Linda Schroeder
- 20 - Samuel Speerstra
- 21 - Brenda Koxlien
- 22—Everleigh Giebel
- 23 - Patrick Warner
- 24 - Jean Briggs, Michelle Davis, Chad Foss
- 25 - Marie Clatt, Olin Fimreite, Shylana Goplin, Nicholas Lewis, Barbara Mathson
- 26 - Matthew Peters, Korine Solberg
- 27 - Brady Giese
- 29 - Leslie Laehn
- 30 - Cole Demulling, Lori Ives
- 31 - June Harms, Gary Holen, Mandy Speerstra

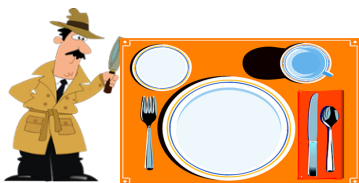


WELCA CORNER

W-ELCA of Grace in Pleasantville will host Our Saviour's on Thursday, August 3rd, at 1:30 pm. All are welcome for Bible Study followed by a brief business meeting with treats and coffee. Please join our fellowship!

WELCA will be going out for a Mystery Meal

Our September meeting will be on Thursday the 7th at an undisclosed location for fine dining and fellowship. Come join the fun!! We will need reservations so please call Kay Nelson at (715) 983-5760 or email her at jimankay1970@gmail.com by Monday, September 4th. Looking forward to seeing lots of ladies.



**MISSION
POSSIBLE**

Our Saviour's Mission Kits:

It's already BACK TO SCHOOL time and that means Mission Kit shopping time. Actually, some of us shop all year so we have many of the needed items already. See next page for a complete listing of all the supplies in each kit and we have set up a display for each kit in the Narthex.

After inventory of donations, we have a list of still needed items. Of course all of the items on the supply list are also needed.

Personal Care Kits:

We presently have items for 23 complete kits. Can do more with your help!

School Kits:

[Now is the time for the school supply sales.](#) This is the big one now. We need all items and especially...70 count wide ruled notebooks (1 in each bag), school ruler. All of the items on the list are still needed. Shop till you drop.

Baby Care Kits: - Sizes up to 24 months:

We need more hooded jackets/sweaters with cap, receiving type blankets, no fleece! Sleepers and sleep gowns. Cloth diapers (I have fabric to make them, just ask me for some). All other items are also still needed so keep shopping.

If you are unable to go shopping in person, try the amazing deals you can find online. Or, donate money and we will shop for you.

We have about 2 months to put kits together. The need never goes away. Refugees, starving people, children and families living in extreme poverty. Say a prayer and do whatever you can to help.

Thank You and God Bless, Marnie & Kay, WELCA Missions Coordinators

Our Saviour's Mission Kits:

School Kits:

4 - 70 page notebooks of wide or college ruled paper. **NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER - PLEASE!**

1 - 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side

1 - Pencil sharpener

2 1 - Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

1 - Eraser, approximately 2 and 1/2 inches long

1 - Box of 16 or 24 count crayons

5 - Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure with a rubber band

5 - Ballpoint pens, black or blue ink only (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

Personal Care Kits:

1 - Light weight only, bath-size towel, (no larger than 52" x 27") dark colors recommended

2 - Bath size bars of soap....any brand in its original packaging

1 - Adult size toothbrush in it's original packaging

1 - Sturdy hair comb (wide-tooth preferred), remove packaging

1 - Metal nail clipper (attached file is optional, but not necessary), remove packaging

Baby Care Kits: - Sizes up to 24 months:

2 - Lightweight cotton t-shirts

4 - **cloth** diapers, flat fold preferred

2 - Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)

2 - receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel. Crocheted or knitted with light-weight yarn up to 52"square are acceptable as well.

1 - Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap

2 - Pairs of socks

1 - Hand towel, dark color recommended

2 - Bath size bars of gentle soap in original wrapping

2 - Diaper pins OR, large safety pins.

Our Saviour's *faith and* finances

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS - JULY 1ST THRU JULY 26TH, 2023

Disbursements:			
Administration	\$154.15		
Physical Plant	\$907.33		
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,102.09		
Benevolence	\$0.00		
Parish Expense	\$0.00		
Dues and Fees	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements =	\$2,163.57		
Giving Receipts			
Simply Giving Total =	\$3,126.30	General Fund Total =	\$7,700.80
On-Going Total =	\$233.00	Improvement Fund - Total =	\$165.00
JULY, 2023 Giving Grand Total =		\$11,225.10	



Church Secretary!

We welcome Cheryl Daffinson as the new secretary for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Cheryl is from Hixton. She has 4 grown children and 10 grandchildren. She is looking forward to serving the members of Our Saviours' Lutheran Church. Please stop by and say hi when you have a chance.

We hope to have new hours for when the church office established soon and will publish in the weekly bulletin, September Messenger and website. Thank you all for your patience.

Worship Leader Schedule:

Sunday, August 6th – Pastor Jim Gordon

Sunday, August 13th – Mr. Scott Brown

Sunday, August 20th – Community Worship Service at Whitehall High School Building – No services at OSL or Grace



AUGUST, 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1. OSL Council at 6:30 pm	2.	3. WELCA-at Grace in Pleasantville - 1:30 pm	4.	5.
6. Sunday Worship 9:30 am	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
13. Sunday Worship 9:30 am Community Choir-7:30pm	14.	15.	16. Grace Council - 7:00 pm	17.	18.	19.
20. Beef & Dairy Community Church Service- 10:00 am	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
27. Sunday Worship 9:30 am	28.	29.	30. Food Pantry 11:30am to 1:00 pm	31.		

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Pastor:

Pastor Email: pastoroslc@gmail.com

Office Hours: To be determined



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Check us out on Facebook at: [Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Whitehall, WI](#) and [United in Faith Parish](#) and [OS Sunday-School](#) and [Sunday School - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church](#).

**Community Choir along with Stouthearted Men and Friends are
organizing for Whitehall Beef & Dairy Days**



Come share your talent and join in the fun!

(NOTE: Location of practices is different this year!)

**Practices will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Pigeon Falls at 7:30 PM on
Sunday June 25, Sunday July 9, and Sunday August 13**

**Final rehearsal will be held at the Whitehall High School Auditorium
on Sunday, August 20, at 9:00 AM. The Community Service will follow at 10:00.**

**Residents of all ages from Whitehall and the surround-
ing communities are invited to join the choir.**

If you have any questions please call 715-797-4354.

Hope to see you there.....and... Bring a Friend !!!

