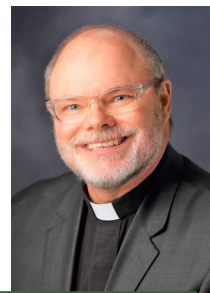




Pastor Peter Jonas



Stewardship

Dear Members and Friends,

As members of the church council, we feel it is imperative that we bring to everyone's attention our concerns of the Church's financial situation.

For some time our congregation's regular offerings have consistently not matched our expenditures. In particular, heat and utility bills have risen substantially in the last two years. Fortunately, the money our church received through special financial gifts many of you gave during the pandemic and the Payroll Protection Relief Programs covered much of this shortfall. However now, much of this money is gone.

As council members we can only control spending, we can't control income. We cut every expense we can. Money is used only to cover fixed and necessary expenses. We do not approve spending simply because it is in the budget. We authorize spending when we have a reasonable certainty that the actual money is or will be there.

We are writing to ask for your help. Here are some ways you can support your church and help us overcome our current financial challenge:

- *Make a one-time special gift designated to Our Saviour's General Fund
- *Increase your regular offering to Our Saviour's
- *Enroll in the *Simply Giving* program where your offering is regularly deducted electronically from a savings or checking account of your choice. The pastor and many members currently do this.
- *Make a contribution to Our Saviour's with your credit card on our website (points anyone?) Just click on the *give* button on the top menu and follow the prompts.

We invite you to ask yourself, "What does God want me to do to help address our financial difficulties?" We ask that you make a onetime offering toward healing our finances by Sunday November 13.

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Sharing God's
Love With All!





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Continued from page 1Pastor's message...."Stewardship"

On this day we will have a dedication of the offerings we have received. Also enclosed is an enrollment form for our *Simply Giving* program ([see page 4 of the Messenger](#)). This may be an excellent time for you to ...consider having your offerings directly debited from your savings or checking account at an interval you can set, change or cancel any time. This means you are supporting your church whether you are at home or away.



Our Saviour's is a vibrant Christian witness in Whitehall that impacts people around the world. We are writing this letter the day after our Harvest Dinner, where so many of you put your shoulder to the wheel and volunteered to make the event not only successful, but also fun. Last Sunday we also dedicated Mission kits and school supplies that will help children and families in the developing world. These are just a few of the many ways our church impacts peoples' lives. Our Saviour's welcomes all people to know the love of Jesus through regular worship and special activities that we hold in our building. We financially support our Tanzanian missionaries, Dr. Steve and Bethany Friberg to share Christ's love with people beyond our local community. We want to thank you for your past support and dedication to the ministry of Our Saviour's. We also ask as you consider your giving for the remainder of the year, and to give generously if you are able.

Sincerely,
Pastor Peter Jonas

Sincerely,
Mr. David Anderson, Council President

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council:

Marnie Anderson
Clarice Laehn
Barbara Mathson

Kris Dubiel
Steve Lamborson
Kay Nelson

Ellen Hauser
Donna Lindberg

The Noisy Offering for November will be designated to the RUTH organization which was recently created in November of 2021. Like-minded people gathered with the idea that there was a need for an Interfaith Community Action Group based in rural Wisconsin to help residents who were struggling. After many meetings the group came up with this Mission Statement. ***RUTH (Rural Unity Through Hope) aims to be an agent of change, hope, healing, and unity in rural west-central Wisconsin. This interfaith partnership will work to create strong and just communities.***

A major role of RUTH is to help residents access resources available to them such as health care, food pantries, clothing and diaper sites, and emergency housing and transportation. If you are interested in joining this organization or would like more information, please contact members Pastor Peter Jonas or Ellen Hauser. Thank you for your contribution as this new organization works to help those in need in our rural areas.

In Christian Sympathy

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

***Virginia Mae Clipper—October 27th, 2022**



SIMPLY GIVING *A simple choice: a generous response*

ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS

| The <i>Simply Giving</i> Program | How do I participate? |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Through <i>Simply Giving</i> , your offerings are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic donation, monthly or semi-monthly – the option is yours. Your donation is deposited into Our Saviour's Lutheran bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account. | Complete the form on the reverse side and return it to the office at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. |
| | 1. Using black ink, complete the personal information section including name, address and telephone numbers. |
| | 2. Indicate whether this is a new enrollment/authorization, a change in amount, or a change in bank account |
| Benefits to you and ...Our Saviour's Lutheran | 3. Indicate the account type, routing number and account number. Attach a voided check or savings deposit slip to the enrollment form for a new enrollment or change in bank account. |
| <i>Simply Giving</i> is a reliable, safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. It allows you to share your donations through planned giving and activates your generosity into ongoing stewardship. This is literally "first fruits" giving, as you decide up front the level of your giving. Because your donation is given consistently, you won't need to play "catch-up" at year-end or worry about forgotten checkbooks or missed Sunday offerings. But you're not the only one that benefits. Your congregation benefits from steady, more predictable donations throughout the year, more efficient bookkeeping, and greater confidence in meeting its financial commitments. | 4. Sign and date the account Holder Signature section. 5. Designate which fund(s) your donation should go to and the amount. |
| Why does Thrivent Financial for Lutherans offer the <i>Simply Giving</i> program? | 6. Select the frequency of your offering. 7. Indicate the date of the first donation. |
| Thrivent Financial for Lutherans offers <i>Simply Giving</i> to further its mission of serving Lutheran congregations and institutions. You do <u>not</u> need to be a member of Thrivent or hold any Thrivent products to participate. | 8. Return the completed enrollment form to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. |
| | PRIVACY / CONFIDENTIALITY. |
| Who do I call if I have more questions about the <i>Simply Giving</i> program? | The Authorization Form on the reverse side is seen by the nonprofit Lutheran organization enrolled in <i>Simply Giving</i> (for example the Secretary of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Whitehall) as well as by the Vanco Services employees who process it. In addition, participant name and address information may be provided to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Participant information will not be shared with any other organizations. |
| Contact Sherry M. Pabst, Our Saviour's Lutheran, at the church (715) 538-4334. Sherry typically works Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:00AM to 3:00PM | |
| | |
| How do I cancel or change my authorization? | |
| Once again contact Sherry M. Pabst, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Secretary, at the church office (715) 538-4334 | |

Simply Giving Enrollment & Authorization Form

SIMPLY GIVING MEMBER ENROLLMENT and AUTHORIZATION FORM

Electronic Fund Transfer for contributions to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Whitehall, WI

Check the appropriate box:

- ☐ New enrollment/authorization *
- ☐ Change in bank account *
- ☐ Change in authorized amount

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Donations/payments should be taken from:

- ☐ Checking (attach a voided check)
- ☐ Savings (attach a savings deposit slip)

Routing Number _____

Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3

Account Number _____

REQUIRED:

I authorize Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Vanco Services, LLC to automatically withdraw donations/ payments from my account. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Account Holder Signature _____ Date _____

*** ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK OR SAVINGS DEPOSIT SLIP FOR A NEW ENROLLMENT OR CHANGE IN BANK ACCOUNT ONLY**

Congregation Name: OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Street Address: 36197 Main Street Mailing Address: P.O. Box 455 City: Whitehall State: WI Zip: 54773

Church Fund Designations: Amount Per Donation Frequency of Donation: (Please check one only)

| | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| General Operating | \$ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly (transferred on 1 st and 15 th of each month) |
| Building | \$ _____ | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1st |
| TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT | \$ _____ (minimum \$5) | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15th |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly on the 1 st (every three months |
| Date of First Donation | _____ | Beginning "Date of First Donation") |

REQUIREDMUST BE COMPLETED BY CONGREGATION / INSTITUTION**

Congregation / Institution Code _____ Envelope Number _____ Verifier Initials _____

Note: The total amount will be transferred based on the frequency of donation.



Our Saviour's Members in Nursing Homes



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

Jeanette Gilbertson, Marian Miller & Arline Stuve

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

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Will be at Grace in Pleasantville on Wednesday, November 23rd, "Thanksgiving Eve" at 6:30 pm. Please join us giving thanks for all God's Blessings!





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November Birthdays



- 1 - Mary Richter
- 3 - Jeffrey Berg
- 4 - Tyler Giebel, Amiah Ives, Roger Oelrich, Deklin Sorlie
- 6 - Sharon Pederson
- 7 - Katherine Gauger, Megan Nelson, Shirley Wozney
- 8 - Amalia Miles
- 9 - Russell Koxlien
- 10 - Kevin Berg, Bonnie Herbenson, Austin Rieck
- 11 - Maggie Harms, Jonathan Sygulla
- 12 - Alyssa Herman
- 13 - Sue Hansen
- 14 - Todd Herness, Amy Schaub
- 16 - Kathleen Ernst, Rhett Frei
- 17 - Waylon Moats, Beverly Waldera
- 19 - Carol Helstad, Frederick Jacobson
- 20 - Meghan Hegge, Olivia Bundy, Jami Hanvold
- 21 - Marilyn Speerstra
- 22 - Robert Hegge, Anton Johnson, Rebecca Rieck
- 23 - Heidi Knudtson
- 30 - Nicholas Powell



Reminder..... Daylight Savings Time will be ending in the early morning hours of Sunday, November 6th.

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes - October 4, 2022

Members Present: Dave Anderson, Pastor Jonas, Marnie Anderson, Steve Lamberson, Ellen Hauser, Barb Mathson, Kay Nelson, Clarice Laehn, and Lori Paulson.

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

Preparation:

1. **Opening Devotions:** Pastor Jonas shared a scripture reading as well as a quote from Carl Jung: "The greatest and most important problems of life are all fundamentally insoluble. They can never be solved but only outgrown." This was followed by prayer.
2. **Prayer Requests/Homebound:** Prayers for victims of Hurricane Ian.
3. **Communication from Congregation:** None

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** Kay Nelson made a motion to approve August minutes with a second by Steve Lamberson. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** There is a serious cash flow crunch. Council will send letter to all congregation members letting them know of the serious matter. Steve Lamberson made a motion to approve treasurer's report with a second by Clarice Laehn. Motion carried.
3. **Ministry Teams Updates:**
 - a) WELCA: Mission kits to be blessed on Sunday, October 9th. There are kits for health care, baby care and school supplies. There is a list in the church basement that shows where these kits go.
 - b) Worship & Music: Discussion held as to where to donate the noisy offering
 - c) Life & Growth: A meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8th.
 - d) Men's Brotherhood: No report.
4. **Sharing from Pastor:**

RUTH (Rural Unity Through Hope):
Pastor David Christianson and Tom Twesme of Osseo will chair Sleep in Heavenly Peace
RUTH needs \$250 to set up a checking account. Motion made by Barb Mathson with a second by Kay Nelson to give the \$250 to RUTH and use noisy offering to help fund the donation.
Motion carried.
Neighbor2Neighbor Ministry will be at the Arcadia High School
Pastor Jonas will be on vacation October 17th thru October 23rd. Scott Brown will lead service.

Celebration/Affirmation:

The next council meeting is scheduled for November 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Business Items: None

Adjournment and the Lord's Prayer:

Barb Mathson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Steve Lamberson. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary

Church News



**Blessed
&
thankful**
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Thanks to all our donors & volunteers for the Harvest Dinner on October 9TH. We had another successful dinner due to all the great workers & financial support of the congregation. We served about 480 meals which is down about 50 from last year but we were able to sell almost \$450 worth of leftovers. Thanks also to all who bought dinners.

This is my last year organizing the dinner but I will help whoever takes over. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position as it earns our congregation over \$5,000 every year. The raffle also earns us around \$2,500. These projects are needed to sustain us in the fall after the drop in summer offerings. A full financial report will be given after all bills are paid.

Thank you for your support. Kay Nelson

A huge thank you to Kay Nelson for all her years of service and dedicated leadership with Our Saviour's Fall Harvest Dinner. Very, very appreciated and God Bless!

..... Please remember to turn in your raffle tickets as soon as possible if you have not already done so. The drawing will be held Sunday, November 6th.



Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

*Mary Harnisch-Johnson

*Arline Stuve

*Mavis Olson

*Dawn Coburn

*Donna Lindberg

*Randy Olson

*Family and friends of Ginny Clipper

Veterans Day is Friday, November 11th. To All our Veterans, whether at home or abroad, active duty, reserves, or retired. We say.....

THANK YOU!



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Church Finances



DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS - OCTOBER 1ST THRU OCTOBER 26TH, 2022

| Disbursements: | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Administration | \$499.38 | | |
| Physical Plant | \$946.83 | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | \$11,224.62 | | |
| Benevolence | \$116.75 | | |
| Parish Expense | \$0.00 | | |
| Dues and Fees | \$0.00 | | |
| Harvest Dinner | \$3,037.87 | | |
| Total Disbursements = | | \$15,825.45 | |
| Giving Receipts | | | |
| Simply Giving Total = | \$3,066.30 | General Fund Total = | \$14,183.40 |
| On-Going Total = | \$221.81 | Improvement Fund - Total = | \$90.00 |
| October, 2022 Giving Grand Total = | | \$17,561.51 | |



What is Advent



Advent is the season that begins the church year, four Sundays before Christmas, which will begin November 27th this year. Advent is a time of "waiting" and in Latin terms means, 'the coming.' The traditional wreath during Advent is evergreen and it's circular shape symbolizes ongoing life. While Advent is usually a time of prayer and repentance, it's also one for rejoicing and celebrating, and purple is the main color associated with it. We light a candle each week during Advent with themes of hope, peace, joy and love. The last candle - known as the Christ Candle- is lit on Christmas Eve.

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Poinsettia plants for the church at Christmas

The everlasting beauty of the poinsettia is an age-old Christmas tradition. Its petals form the shape of a brilliant star, symbolizing the rise of the Star of Bethlehem on Christmas night. May it always remind you of the miracles of peace, love and joy that Christmas brings us, each and every year.

Members of Our Saviour's may purchase and bring poinsettia plants to the basement prior to the Christmas Eve services with a tag stating who donated the plant and for whom the plant is in honor or memory of.

Poinsettia plants can also be ordered for \$10.00 each.

Orders need to be placed by December 11th for delivery by Christmas Eve. We are hoping that selling poinsettia plants will make it easier for members to participate in decorating the church and make funds available for music for the Praise Team. Orders can be taken to the church office or collected in the Narthex.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

From: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Cost \$10

Color preference (if available)



Will you be taking your poinsettia home? ____yes ____no

WELCA



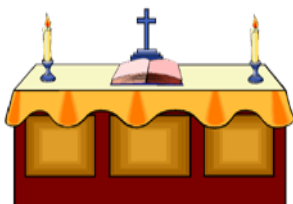
Our Saviour's will host WELCA meeting on Thursday, November 3rd, 2022 at 1:30 pm. Please join us for Bible Study in the "Gather" magazine led by Pastor Peter Jonas. We have extra copies if needed. Fellowship with coffee and desert will follow the meeting. Please join us for fellowship and inspiration.

Mission Kits



The mission kits were blessed on October 9, ready to be shipped on October 15, to a Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul. A semi at an Eau Claire church will be packed with boxes of kits & quilts from this area to be transported to St Paul. From there the kits are shipped where there is a need around the world. We prepared 47 health kits, 26 school kits, 13 baby care kits & 5 quilts. Thanks to all who donated to the kits & to the quilters who do such beautiful work. God Bless you!

Members in Service



***Altar Guild** = Shirley Wozney-Lori Paulson-Karen Witte

***Altar Flowers** = Brenda Loga & Marnie Anderson

***Acolyte Schedule:** 11/6 = Kade, Cash, Taylor & Jack

11/13 = Travis & Riley

11/20 = Brayden & Colton

11/27 = None

Upcoming EVENTS



Christmas Gift Boxes

We will once again be collecting Christmas Gift donations for Trempealeau County Health Care Center, New Horizons & Pajama Granma. Boxes for donations will be in the church narthex thru November and early December. Boxes will for donations will also be at Ritters Hardware Store.



***New Horizons wish list:** Is requesting only gift cards due to lack of storage space. Gas cards, Dollar Store and prepaid phone cards are preferred items on the gift hit parade.

***Trempealeau County Health Care wish list (new items only please):** Crossword puzzle, Word Find and/or Coloring books. Markers, colored pencils and/or crayons. Sketch Pads, Hair Brushes, Decks of playing cards, Hats and Gloves.

***Monetary donations for PAJAMA GRAMMA** may be dropped off at **Royal Credit Union (RCU)**.

***Whitehall Elementary School:** A mitten tree will be set in the narthex for hats, mittens, and socks for school children.

***Christmas Good Gift Ornaments:** For animals, water, health, education, etc for people in need.



Thank you for your generosity for those less fortunate.



DECORATE THE CHURCH



Advent begins Sunday, November 27th, so we will decorate the Lord's House on **Monday, November 21st**, starting at 4:00pm or as soon as you are able to help. Bring your kids to help hang an ornament or two if you like! Take part in the fun & start off the Christmas season with this special time. All help is very appreciated!



November 2022



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | <u>1.</u> Quilters - 8:30 - Noon Sunrise Manor- 1:30 pm Parish Council - 6:30 | <u>2.</u> Bible Study - 9:30 - Confirmation in-class—2:45 pm | <u>3.</u> Pigeon Falls Care Center—10:30 am WELCA at OSL-1:30 PM | <u>4.</u> | <u>5.</u> |
| <u>6.</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30am—Haelynn Peters Baptism Sunday School - 10:30  | <u>7.</u> | <u>8.</u> | <u>9.</u> Bible Study- 9:30am Confirmation—at home - 2:45 pm | <u>10.</u> Gunderson/Tri-County 10:00 | <u>11.</u> Veterans Day!  | <u>12.</u> |
| <u>13.</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30am Sunday School - 10:30 Stewardship Sunday | <u>14.</u> R.U.T.H—6:30 at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church | <u>15.</u> Quilters - 8:30 - Noon Parish Board – 6:30 pm | <u>16.</u> Bible Study-9:30am Confirmation in class—2:45 pm Grace Council - 7:00 pm | <u>17.</u> | <u>18.</u> | <u>19.</u> Latin American Health Fair-10: to 1:00 pm at Arcadia High School—sponsored by R.U.T.H. |
| <u>20.</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30am -Christ The King Sunday School - 10:30 | <u>21.</u> Decorate the House for Advent—4:00 pm | <u>22.</u> | <u>23.</u> Bible Study- 9:30am NO CONFIRMATION Thanksgiving Eve Service at Grace - 6:30 pm | <u>24.</u> The Church Office Will Be Closed - Have a Happy Thanksgiving!  | <u>25.</u> | <u>26.</u> |
| <u>27.</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30am - 1st Sunday in Advent Sunday School - 10:30 | <u>28.</u> | <u>29.</u> | <u>30.</u> Food Pantry 11: - 1:00 pm Confirmation-in class 2:45 pm | | | |

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Contact Us



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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Church Secretary: Sherry M. Pabst
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Church E-mail: osluthwh@gmail.com
Church Website: oslwhitehall.org

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

Reverse Advent Calendar for Whitehall Food Pantry. During the month of November simply add an item to a Christmas box/bag for each day on the Advent Calendar. At the end of the month, donate the contents to the Food Pantry.

Reverse Advent Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <u>Nov. 27</u> Box of Cereal | <u>28</u> Jar of Peanut Butter | <u>29</u> Box of Stuffing Mix | <u>30.</u> Boxed Potatoes | <u>Dec. 1</u> Roll of Paper Towel | <u>2</u> Canned Peaches | <u>3</u> Canned Tomatoes |
| <u>4</u> Package of Toilet Paper | <u>5</u> Toothpaste | <u>6</u> Jar of Applesauce | <u>7</u> Canned Carrots | <u>8</u> Tooth Brushes | <u>9</u> Canned Tuna | <u>10</u> Laundry Detergent (no pods) |
| <u>11</u> Canned Pears | <u>12</u> Roll of Paper Towel | <u>13</u> Package of Pasta | <u>14</u> Spaghetti Sauce | <u>15</u> Bar of Bath Soap | <u>16</u> Tomato Soup | <u>17</u> Canned Ham or Chicken |
| <u>18</u> Canned Chili | <u>19</u> Macaroni & Cheese | <u>20</u> Bottle of Dish Soap | <u>21</u> Chicken Noodle Soup | <u>22</u> Canned Stew | <u>23</u> Box of Facial Tissue | <u>24</u> Package of Oatmeal |